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Names in order of merit.

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Third—(Ruby Eggleton, Arnold McCutcheon) equal, Kathleen Gallivan, Dora Danford Carman Fitchett, Burton McMullen, Annie Eggleton, Mina Stapley, Olive Stapley.

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ONTARIO'S MORTALITY

The most striking presentation of the case against tuberculosis ever circulated in Canada is that just issued by the National Sanitarium Association for the use of Ministers participating in Tuberculosis Sunday, on Novr. 30. The annual death list in Ontario alone is 2250, of whom one-third of the victoms are in their prime, between the ages of 18 and 45. This means that from one-tenth to one-seventh of the mortality in the Province is due to Consumption— a curable and preventible disease— or, in other words, one qerson dies every four hours. Black as the record is, the other side of the shield gives Canadians something to hope for. By education, segregation of cases, cleaning up of the sources of the plague, and by curative methods the present death rate shows a decrease of 1155 from that of 1899. This is in spite of the increase in population and the large influx of diseased foreigners who have managed to avoid deportation.

Minto

Nearly every one are through with the fall ploughing and making preparations for winter.

Mr. and Mrs P. W. Hagerman entertained a number of friends on Monday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs Harvey Donald paid a flying visit to our burg on Monday evening.

The ten cent tea given by the W. M. S. on Wed. evening at the home of Mrs Thos. Solmes was a decided success in every way. Proceeds $6.00

On Friday evening Beulah Epworth League paid a visit to Salem League and gave a very profitable programme. Two very helpful papers were read.

One "Aims and possibilities of the Epworth League" by Miss Palmer the other "Efficiency in Epworth League work" by Miss Etel Wood.

Mr. D. Fleming and Miss Fleming rendered solos. Last but not least was an address given by Mr. Bick. Lunch was served and a short time was spent in social intercourse.

Rev. W. H. Clarke of Marmora occupied the pulpit here on Sunday evening.

Mr. Stafford of Toronto will speak on behalf of Mission work on Sunday next at 10 30. o'clock.

Do not forget the Farmer's Club Meeting on Monday evening next.

Why They Came.

Willie, aged four, had been invited out to tea with his mother, and while he was being dressed for the occasion the delights in store for him had been depicted in glowing terms.

While his mother chatted with their hostess Willie sat in solemn silence, and at last the lady of the house rose.

"Now I must bring in tea," she announced, then added, "Would Willie like some tea?"

The child eyed her in astonishment and, in a deeply hurt tone, responded: "Why, that's what we came for!"

They All Write.

"The Rousmittems are a literary family, aren't they?"

"Yes, they have a common genius."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Well, the son writes plays that nobody will act; the daughter writes poetry that nobody will print, and the mother writes novels that nobody will read."

"Does the father write anything?"

"Sure! Papa writes checks that nobody will cash."

Matter of Judgment.

"So you suspect that men are quicker of judgment in practical matters than women?" asked her friend of the middle aged spinster.

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "Men have heeded the warning of the newspapers and quit buying gold bricks, but women continue to marry for money."

It Depends.

"Yes, smoking is an expensive habit. When one gives his friends cigars all the year round his loss is no little one."

"Do you mean in cigars or friends?"

A SEA WRAITH

By ARTHUR W. BREWSTER

I live by the seashore. Indeed, I have never lived anywhere else. There is a reef out about a mile from the shore, and during my lifetime I have known several vessels to be wrecked on it. One of these wrecks occurred when I was a young man, and it had a marked effect on my life that will never be undone.

I was at a very impressible age, twenty, when there came up a frightful storm, and I went down to the beach to see it—I lived about a mile inland—and stood on a dune looking at it. There are some who love quiescent scenes, soft skies, tranquil waters, graceful trees, unmoved even by a breeze. To me the most beautiful scenes are the fiercest. Standing there facing the storm sweeping over the ocean, I rejoiced in the lashing the tempest was giving it. Near by a wave would throw itself against a rock, to be hurled back against the next comber, the two standing a moment as if locked in a death grip, then both falling as if each had taken the strength out of the other. Another wave would tremble, break, its spray shooting from its crest, and roll upon the sand, scattering like a bursting rocket.

But this is not my story. The wind went down with the sun, and a full moon rose, its white disk looking down coldly, as if it cared for neither storm nor serenity. Near midnight I was seized with a desire to go down to the ocean and see the quiet skies above looking down on waters the storm had left still rolling. What brought this desire, why I yielded to it, I know not, for I must walk a mile to the coast and a mile back. I had gone perhaps half the distance and could hear that interminable murmuring of moaning waters when I saw coming, lighted by the moon that stood almost directly overhead, a figure which by a slight flutter of its garments I knew to be a woman.

Surprised that one of her sex should be out on the road at that time of night, I hastened toward her to ask her if I could not attend her to where she was going. As I approached her I noticed an unsteadiness about her, a rocking. I attributed it to the fact that I had looked so long during the afternoon on the waves that their motion had affected my vision. Her hair was loose and seemed to me to be blown like the spray I had seen. When I came near her she seemed drawn away from me, then driven toward me as if pulled and pushed by the waves. Then within touching distance of me she stood still, the whole appearing to me like an object washed ashore, finally passing beyond the reach of the waters.

But, oh, the pitiful look she gave me!

"What is it?" I asked, wondering.

"The wreck."

"What wreck?"

"The Mary Barton. She has just come ashore."

"Come ashore! Why, the storm was over six hours ago!"

"Yes, but it took the ship's rudder. They lost control. She struck the reef and went to pieces. Their bodies are scattered along the shore. Oh, it is dreadful!"

I started on. "I must go," I said, "and see if I can help."

"Help! They are all past help. Don't go. Don't desert me here on this lonely road."

"I will take you to your home; then I will go."

"My home?" The melancholy with which she said this wrung my heart.

"Yes. Surely you cannot live far from here."

She buried her face in her hands and sobbed. Through sympathy I put my arms about her and drew her to me. Then I tried to take her hands away from her face. She would not at first permit me, but at last yielded.

"Heavens, how cold you are!" I exclaimed. "Tell me where you live that I may take you home, where you may warm yourself. It's dangerous for you to be out in the chilly night with no thick clothes. And they are wet. Where can you have been?"

She made no further reply to anything I said to her—only trembled and wept.

"I must take you to shelter," I said. "Then I will go to the shore and try to save some of those who have been washed in from the wreck."

"I will go back with you," she said suddenly.

"Back with me! You go to see such sights, cold and wet as you are?"

"Well, then, I'll go on. Go to the shore, but it is too late. All have perished."

It seemed as if a wave carried her away from me, then brought her part way back to me, only to take her away again, this time to carry her farther than before. I stood spellbound, undecided what to do, till one of those invisible waves took her so far from me that I saw her no more. I stood still and covered my eyes with my hands. When I again saw what was about me there were merely the road, the fields and here and there a house, all bathed in the moonlight.

I ran all the way to the beach, where I saw persons running back and forth dragging corpses from the waves. A ship had been dashed to pieces out on the reef, and not a soul was saved to tell of the wreck—none but the girl I had met in the road.

They say I have been daft ever since this shipwreck. Nevertheless I saw her with my eyes and clasped her cold body in my arms.

WOLFE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Canon F. G. Scott Wants One Overlooking Plains of Abraham.

The well-known Canadian writer, Canon Frederick George Scott, of Quebec, has interested himself in the erection of a Memorial Church to Gen. Wolfe on a site overlooking the Plains of Abraham, the purchase of which he has already arranged on reasonable terms, if the necessary funds are forthcoming. Canon Scott's appeal is in part as follows:

"Next year we are to celebrate the Peace Centenary. One has been thinking of the best way in which we could mark that event in Quebec, for Quebec must not be left out in this celebration. There is something which churchmen might do which would mark the event in a unique way. James Wolfe was a churchman, and a man of sincere and devout habits. In an age of license, he lived a pure life, and the victory he won was a victory of character.

"On the Avenue des Braves, that magnificent new avenue built by the Battlefields Commission to connect the Plains of Abraham with the battlefield of St. Foye, is a slight rise in the ground. From this eminence, which marks the very spot where Wolfe breathed his last. In another direction, one can see the monument to Levis and Murray. To the south one catches a glimpse of the great St. Lawrence, and to the north stand 'the everlasting hills!' The little plateau is the highest piece of ground overlooking the Plains. The situation is superb, and, as I saw the sunset from it last evening, the grandeur of the hope, which has long been mine, of seeing on that spot an architecturally exquisite church — a true angel of peace—rise to the memory of the great hero whose deathbed that green plain was, possessed me, and I thanked God for the privilege which was ours, if we chose to use it, of coupling the honor of the hero with the honor and worship of the Lord whom he faithfully served. The idea is one which appeals to all those who in their minds know that the truest knighthood is founded in religion."

Naturally.

The teacher had been reading to the class about the great forests of America.

"And now, boys," she announced, "which one of you can tell me the pine that has the longest and the sharpest needles?"

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"Well, Tommy?"

"The porcupine."—Wisconsin State Journal.

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NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

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Liverpool, with 99 people to the acre, is the most thickly populated city in England.

Ten persons are on an average run over and killed in the streets of London every week.

The longest word of usual occurrences in the English language is "incomprehensibilities."

The Royal Navy loses 2.5 per 1,000 men drowned yearly, while the merchant service loses 10 per 1,000.

No fewer than 14,000 claims for old-age pensions have been rejected by the London Pensions Committee.

A memorial drinking-fountain is to be erected in Ballahouston Park to the memory of the late Lady Primrose.

God has so made the British Empire that it cannot be destroyed except by ourselves.—Mr. Norman Angell.

Since 1900 the production of beef in the United ingdom has been decreasing, and is now about 33,000,000 standards barrels annually.

Threadneedle Street, in London, is supposed to have gained its name from the Three Needles used as the sign of the Needlemakers' Company.

It is calculated that in large ocean steamers like the Campania more than 3,000 articles of glass and china are broken on every voyage.

During last year the tramways of Great Britain carried over 3,127,000,000 passengers, or about seventy times the estimated population of the country.

It is much harder, says the Bishop of Carlisle, for a rich man to to be good than it is for a poor man to be good. Some of our richest men are amongst the very worst of men.

The new trains that are now running on the Great Western Railway between Paddington and Windsor are claimed to be fireproof. The carriages are built of steel, the only wood being the footboard, and this has been specially treated to make it non-inflammable. The flooring is of asbestos.

WIFE WON.

Husband Finally Convinced.

Some people are wise enough to try new foods and beverages and then generous enough to give others the benefit of their experience. A wife writes:

"No slave in chains, it seemed to me, was more helpless than I, a coffee captive. Yet there were innumerable warnings—waking from a troubled sleep with afeeling of suffocation, at times dizzy and out of breath, attacks of palpitation of the heart that frightened me.

(Tea is just as injurious as coffee because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee.)

"At last my nervous system was so disarranged that my physician ordered 'no more coffee.' I capitulated.

"Determined to give Postum a fair trial, I prepared it according to directions on the pkg., obtaining a dark brown liquid with a rich snappy flavour similar to coffee. When cream and sugar were added, it was not only good but delicious.

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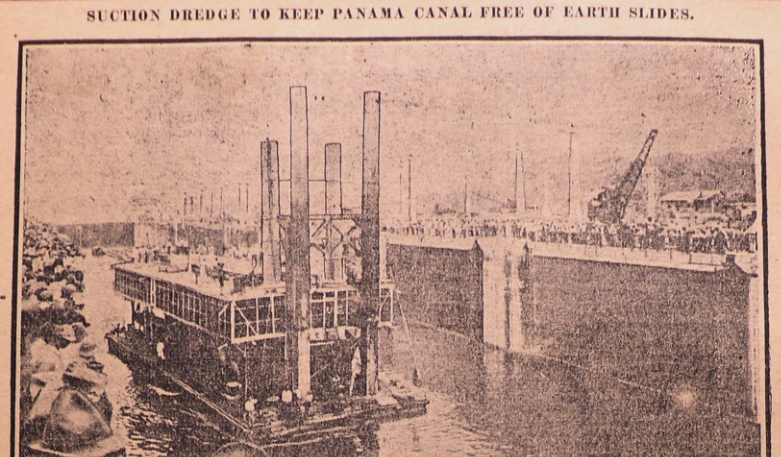

One of a Fleet of Dredges With a Useful Duty to Perform.

Suction Dredge No. 85, one of the fleet of dredges which is to keep the canal free from any possible deposit of earth on the bottom, left there by slides, passing out of Pedro Miguel Locks. This is the first heavy vessel to pass out of the locks since the linking of the two oceans by the blowing out, October 10, of the Gamboa Dike. Thousands of spectators gathered on the walls of the chamber to watch the monster dredge go through the locks.

EXECUTIONER OF DIEPPE

THE FOLLY OF A YOUNG FRENCH LIEUTENANT.

Falling In Love With Headsman's Daughter Cost Him and His Descendants Dearly.

The most trifling incident may affect your own destiny and the destiny of those who come after you. History is full of stories illustrating this fact, and none of them is more remarkable than the story of Charles Sanson de Longval, who sacrificed everything for love. One day, in the year 1662, he was thrown from his horse, and as a direct result of this accident he and seven of his descendants, for a period of 200 years, were shunned of men, bearing upon them the word unclean.

Charles was the descendant of a once illustrious house. His forebears were knights and soldiers under the Dukes of Normandy, and had distinguished themselves for valor upon divers fields. They took part in William the Conqueror's little basket picnic in England, and might have remained there in opulence, but returned to their own country.

When the fatal accident happened Charles was a lieutenant in the army, his regiment being stationed at Dieppe. He was about 30 years of age, and handsome and prosperous. His life had been full of adventure, for he had spent several years in the wilderness of America. He was of a buoyant spirit and extremely witty, and, therefore, a great favorite with his regiment, and a pet of his commanding officer, the Marquis de Laboissiere. He also seemed the pet of Fortune, and it was agreed by his comrades that he had a future.

Then one day he went for a horseback ride, and, just as he left the town, was thrown to the ground because of

A Broken Saddle Girth.

He was unconscious for a time, and when he recovered his senses he was being carried into a little dark cottage by a man of giant strength. He was placed upon a rude couch and remained there several days before he was able to leave. He was waited upon by the man who had carried him in and his daughter.

The man seemed bent beneath some crushing sorrow. His face was haggard and lined and his eyes full of trouble. He was silent most of the time, but now and then he talked to himself in a wild way, and for hours together he would pace the floor of his little home and moan and sob like a man in agony. The daughter was beautiful, but as sad as her father. She never smiled, and spoke only when answering questions. She was so beautiful and so gentle and apparently so afflicted, that the young soldier began pitying her, and ended by loving her passionately. All this time he didn't know who his host was, and when he asked the girl, she only replied, "You will know soon enough."

At last he was able to depart from the house, and the sombre host escorted him to the gate and said: "We have done for you what we could. Never come to this cottage again, if you have any friendly feeling for me. I have seen you gaze admiringly at my daughter. Forget that she lives. I would see her in her coffin rather than see her in love."

Charles returned to his regiment and tried to devote all his mind to his duties, but he could not forget the sad girl in the cottage. So he went back there and had a few words with her; this was followed by other visits, and

His Love Increased Every Day.

People must have seen him going and coming, and they told his relatives. A cousin of high estate hunted him up and said:

"You surely know whom the girl is you are visiting?"

"I don't know her name," said Charles, "but I love her with all my heart."

"Come with me," said the cousin, and Charles accompanied him to a large public square where two criminals were about to be executed.

"Look at the executioner," said the cousin.

Charles looked as directed, and of a sudden felt so weak he had to lean on his cousin's shoulder. His host of the little dark cottage was the executioner of Dieppe. Had the cousin been wise he'd have said no more, but would have let the lesson sink in. But he felt it his duty to preach a while, and in the course of his words he made some slighting remarks concerning Marguerite Jouanne, the executioner's daughter. Charles's strength came back as promptly as it had deserted him. His sword flashed in the sun.

"Defend yourself!" he cried; "you are speaking of the lady I love!"

Then there was quite a duel. Charles was a great swordsman, and the cousin was in parlous case, when a friend came to his rescue. Charles wounded both of them, and sent them away bleeding and writhing.

The next day when he appeared on duty all his old friends of the regiment met him with averted faces. His fellow officers looked all around and past him, and couldn't see him. Nobody responded to his greetings and people were silent when he asked questions. He understood it all well enough. His comrades knew that he was in love with the executioner's daughter,

And He Was a Pariah.

For many days he endured this ostracism, and he began to realize what such a love as his would cost him.

Then the commanding officer summoned him to a conference. The commanding officer began by telling him how everybody was afflicted and humiliated by his present course.

"Give u pthis girl, crush down this insane infatuation," said the marquis, "and you'll have all your friends again. As it is, you are disgracing the regiment."

Charles drew his sword and broke it over his knee.

"Then I belong to the regiment no longer," answered he. "I'll tear up my commission at once."

And he did. That night he went out to the cottage to ask Marguerite to marry him and go to the new world, where they might begin a new life. All the visits he had paid were without the knowledge of the father. And now he went to the door on tiptoe, and knocked gently—a knock she understood. There was no answer, and he stood listening. He heard a moaning sound that came from the direction of an old shed back in the garden. He stole there quietly and saw that there was a light in the shed. The moaning continued, anon rising to a shriek. He looked in through a crack and saw Marguerite strapped on a leather couch. Her father, his eyes glowing insanely, was subjecting her to the torture of the boot. He held aloft a hammer, ready to drive deeper the wedge which was crushing her limb.

"Confess that you love him!" he was saying.

Then the door flew in as though struck by a thunderbolt, and Charles was in the room. He knocked the old man into a corner and then tore the engine of torture away from the girl. The father, half crazed with

His Mental Sufferings,

had heard that the girl was planning to elope with an officer. For the sake of her lover the girl denied everything, and he was trying to force the truth from her.

Then Charles outlined his plan, but the girl would not leave her father, who was worse than alone in the world. And the father would not consent to her marriage unless Charles agreed to adopt the old man's grewsome profession.

Charles did not hesitate, and under such strange conditions he and the girl becam engaged and were married a few days later.

Alas that such devotion as that of Charles should have so poor a reward! His young wife died in less than a year, leaving him a son destined for his bloody trade. Charles thus established the Sanson family of executioners, who were the official headsmen of France for two centuries. The last of the line was dismissed from office in 1847, when he changed his name and disappeared, and no man knows what become of him.

NOTES OF SCIENCE

China now has 34 electric light plants and plans to add to the list.

Beeswax and turpentine, mixed into a paste, effectively clean bronze.

Holland's production of potato flour is increasing rapidly from year to year.

The German village of Remborn has a linden tree which is said to be more than 1,200 years old.

By the addition of magnets and an oxide an extremely elastic glass has been brought out in France.

X-ray apparatus has been invented for killing the tiny parasites that eat small holes in leaf tobacco.

There are 80 plants in the United Kingdom for the conversion of municipalities' garbage into electric power.

A complete cooking outfit for campers, folding compactly enough to be carried in a coat pocket, has been invented.

An Australian has been granted a United States patent for a process for transplanting living hair upon bald heads.

Japan's rice crop this year is estimated at nearly 263,934,000 bushels, a 12,000,000-bushel increase over last year.

Recently deciphered inscriptions on Egyptian monuments indicate that artesian wells were bored as far back as 1400 B.C.

A curious tree of the tropics, the matapalo, grows only with the aid of another tree, which it gradually envelops and kills.

The Khedive of Egypt is an enthusiastic electrician and uses electrical appliances wherever possible in his palaces and yachts.

Motor lifeboats carried by one of the newer trans-Atlantic liners are equipped with wireless apparatus having 200 miles radius.

All previous shipbuilding records on the Clyde were exceeded in the nine months ending with September, 193 vessels having been launched.

Experiments on the Philippine island of Mindanao seem to indicate that the finest qualities of rubber can be produced there profitably.

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Doings in Europe.

Poincare Visits Naturalist and Poet.

President Poincare, of France, returning from Spain, visited Henri Fabre at Serignan. The aged naturalist sat in his garden. The President, standing, called him beloved and great master, and said:

"You have given so passionate attention to the study of the humblest creatures that in the smallest things you have shown us very great ones, and at every page of your work we feel a sensation of looking into the infinite."

Fabre was so moved that he could not reply. His nephew thanked the President for him.

M. Poincare also visited Frederic Mistral, the famous poet of Provence, living at the village of Maillane. The poet read an address to the President, who in replying quoted Lamartine, who fifty years ago acclaimed Mistral as another Homer. Both Mistral and his wife wept, and when the President finished Mistral threw himself into M. Poincare's arms and embraced him.

Portuguese Royalist Killed.

A grim incident of the rising in Portugal was narrated by a French sculptor to a Paris paper.

A peasant's cart filled with straw drew up at the Spanish-Portuguese frontier. The officials glanced into it; one, to satisfy himself, thrust his sword several times among the bundles. "Pass on," he said carelessly. An instant later he uttered an exclamation of horror. Blood was trickling from the straw.

The driver sprang from the cart and fled, followed by revolver shots from the customs officials. Overturning the cart, the officials found beneath the straw a dead man. The sword had passed through his heart as he lay hidden. He was a Royalist leader, trying to smuggle himself into Portugal for the rising.

You Live Longer in Bulgaria.

Official statistics just issued show that despite her small population Bulgaria possesses by far the greatest number of centenarians of all the countries of Europe.

Among her 4,500,000 people there are 3,833 persons of at least 100 years of age. Other countries return the following figures: Roumania, 1,074 centenarians; Servia, 573; Spain, 410; France, 213; Italy, 197; England, 92; Russia, 89; Germany, 76; Norway, 23; Belgium, 5; Denmark, 2, and Switzerland, 0.

The longevity of the Bulgarians is supposed to be associated with the eating of "jaurt," a sort of solidified sour milk or curd, obtained by fermentation.

Test for Farm Machinery.

M. Clementel, the French minister of Agriculture, has decided to institute a monster agricultural competition lasting three years, which is to determine the merits of the various French agricultural machines run by steam, oil, or other engines.

The competition will take place at the agricultural school at Grignon and will be judged by a jury of agricultural experts from the French agricultural societies. A detailed report will be drawn up from the point of view of economy, as well as results, which is likely to give impetus to the movement in favor of motor agricultural in France.

The use of motor machines is especially marked in the neighborhood of Meaux and Soissons, where fourteen sections of the district are using motor machines on the co-operative system.

Losing Weight by Science.

Mme. Emmy Destinn, the opera ginger, of Berlin, has been reducing her weight by the potato cure, by means of which a friend of hers lost fifteen pounds in a month without injury. Their diet is the following:

Tea or coffee without sugar, one dry roll and fruit ad lib. in the morning; for luncheon no soup, light fish, five large potatoes in their skins, no butter, but sardines or anchovies and whatever vegetables you like, fresh but uncooked fruit and no dessert; at 5 o'clock, fruit the same as at noon and two potatoes instead of five. After keeping this up for eight days drop it for three and then take it up again.

Giant Aqueduct for Italy.

Rapid progress is being made with the gigantic Apulian aqueduct which will carry the water from the springs of the River Sele in the province of Avellino right through the Appennines to the southern end of Italy, distributing it over a territory of nearly 12,000 square miles, with about 2,500,000 inhabitants.

The quantity of water available at the springs is stated to be about 1,200 gallons per second, or over 100,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. The cost of the work is estimated at $25,000,000. The length of the main pipe line will be 125 miles, in addition to which there will be several hundred miles of side lines.

Saw Army of Napoleon.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, of Berlin, has unearthed at the village of Dormowo, in the district of Meseritz, Prussian Poland, an old woman who can prove by undeniable official papers that she was 120 years old on October 15. She is doubtless the only living person in Germany who actually saw Napoleon's army march through on its way to Moscow. Later she saw the Russian Cossacks cross the frontier chasing the French back. Hedwig Stavne was born at Pleschen, on the Russian frontier, on October 15, 1704, the daughter of a small innkeeper. Hedwig remembers, therefore, the passing of Jerome's right wing of the Grand Army. She says the troops behaved very well, but "the beggars wouldn't eat black bread," and her mother killed geese and chickens for them. On the other hand, she remembers with terror the passing of Cossacks. Her father fled with all his cattle into a neighboring forest to escape them, and for days Hedwig carried food to her father there.

Use of Alcohol in France

The French ministry of finance has just published some interesting statistics concerning the production and use of alcohol in France. The total production in 1912 was 87,440,420 gallons, as compared with 65,797,165 gallons in 1911. In spite of this enormous production, France received from foreign countries 4,915,571 gallons of pure alcohol and liquors. On the other hand, there was a total export trade of 8,321,370 gallons.

Wedding Gifts in Miniature.

A pretty custom has been introduced at recent weddings in Paris. Miniature reproductions of the presents that are too big to be shown at the reception are placed among the other gifts. Thus at a recent reception there was a tiny motor car, an accurate model of a villa which had been presented to the bride and bridegroom, and a delicate reproduction of a grand piano.

MAKING A WILL.

Have you made your will? If not, why not do it now. If you delay, in the event of your death your property might not be distributed as you would desire. The advantages of making a will are clearly and briefly explained in a pamphlet recently issued by the Union Trust Company, Limited, Toronto, who will send it free to anyone on request. Our readers are advised to secure a copy at once.

Amsterdam is considering the conversion of the 140,000 ton of combustible street refuse that is gathered every year into fuel briquets for boilers.

Chinchillas, valuable fur-bearing animals which inhabit high mountains in Chili, have been imported into England for breeding experiments on a farm.

English figures give the world's consumption of cotton in the year ending with August at 20,277,386 running bales, of which 13,760,261 were American.

The granite statue of King Edward VII. recently dedicated at Aberdeen is believed to be the first granite statue of a ruler erected since the days of the Pharoahs.

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CHAPPER XX.—(Continued).

She was anxious and nervous enough before she began, but at the end of the first note of the song her nervousness and self-consciousness slid from her like a loose garment. The clear, well-trained voice—for the Chevalier was a good master, and had trained her well—rose, in the intense silence, as melodious as a bell. She had not only a good voice, but she sang with expression; for the Chevalier had chosen one of Tosti's love ballads, and Mina sang with her heart as well as her voice.

The outburst of hearty and generous applause startled her. She swept a curtsey, and went off the platform, and was greeted by the Chevalier with a nod and a smile of satisfaction and approval.

"They want some more," he said. "You must go on again. Sing them 'Home, Sweet Home.' That always fetches them; for, though they are within an hour and a half of London, of course they feel as if they were a couple of thousand miles from home. Go on, my dear! What are you trembling about? Just you remember what I told you, and think only of the song, and forget that the people are there."

Mina went on again, and sang the ballad which has stirred and racked so many thousands of hearts; and the applause was deafening. Even the orchestra joined in it; and, it need not be said, there were tears of loving pride in Elisha's eyes.

The Chevalier saw that Mina was going to be a great success, and his vision carried beyond Lea-on-Sands to the large provincial towns, to London itself; and, of course, he was eager to secure a possible gold mine: business is business. He offered there and then to give Mina three pounds a week with an engagement for three years; and it seemed such an enormous income to her and Elisha that they would have agreed to the proposal. But here Tibby stepped in.

Heaven knows where she had gained that knowledge of the world which, aided by her native shrewdness, made her, though seemingly little more than a child in years, a woman of business capable of meeting the Chevalier on equal terms. She had seen the effect which Mina's grace and beauty and her sweet, clear voice had wrought upon the audience, and she, too, saw that Mina was going to be a success.

"Three pounds a week!" she exclaimed. "It isn't likely! Why, that old Robinson must think we're a set of jugginses. I don't say that two of us ain't," she put in darkly; "but he's got to take me into account. Three pounds a week! Why, Mina will be getting more than that presently for a single song; she'll be worth thirty or forty pounds a week, perhaps more, ever so much more. Don't you go an' sign no such agreement, father. No; if he likes to take the management of Mina in hand, he'll have to be satisfied with a commission, like any other agent. You leave me to talk to 'im."

They did so; and, to his astonishment, the Chevalier found himself confronted by a woman's wit and sharpness concealed in the form of a weird creature, whose face was that of a precocious child, but whose mental acuteness proved more than a match for him. He had to content himself with a commission on Mina's earnings; and it may be hinted, to Tibby's credit, that it was by no means an exorbitant one. Tibby also secured an engagement for Elisha in the Chevalier's orchestra during the term of Mina's contract.

For some reason which has never been clearly defined, members of the dramatic and musical professions seem to prefer to work under any other names than their own. Under the rather high-flown name, Veronica Vernon, with which the Chevalier had launched her, she continued to be known; and as she was as yet by no means strong, it was decided that she should remain for the present at Lea-on-Sands. The Chevalier was too wise to let her appear too often, and she sang at the Kursaal for only three nights in the week. On those nights the place was crowded, and she acquired such local fame that visitors came from the neighboring watering-places to hear her sing.

Now, singing is one of the most beneficial exercises that man or woman can indulge in; and Mina's health improved rapidly; but though both Elisha and Tibby were overjoyed at her success, Mina herself was not elated. As all true artists should, and indeed must be, she was absorbed in her art—that is, while she was practising, or singing before an audience—but at other times she was preoccupied and melancholy. She seemed to be living in a world of her own; and it was a world of sadness; for she never laughed now, even at Tibby's queer ways and sharp speeches, and she rarely even smiled.

Strange to say, few of us live in the present; some of us live in the future, and most of us, alas! live in the past. And Mina was amongst the majority. They all told her that she was going to be famous, rich; and she was glad for Elisha's and Tibby's sakes; but the prospect brought no gladness for herself; she was living in that past in which Clive had moved as the chief factor in her life, as the centre on which all her thoughts, all her happiness, had rested. But she was possessed of more good sense than falls to the lot of most girls of her age; and she reminded herself incessantly that he had—yes, deserted her; that on reflection he had decided he could not marry her. It was her duty to herself, to her self-respect, to forget him. But forgetfulness, like several other things we sometimes crave, will not come at bidding.

The season is a short one at such places as Lea-on-Sands; and immediately the Chevalier's engagement ran out they started on a provincial tour. Tibby accompanied the others; but, of course, not as an idle member of the party. Elisha and Mina would require "looking after" more than ever; and then there was the matter of Mina's wardrobe, which Tibby declared, would demand nearly all her time to superintend; for it is an article of faith with ladies in Tibby's position that an evening dress marked eight guineas in a shop window may, with cunning and perseverance, be satisfactorily copied at home at a quarter of the cost.

One of the first places on their route was Manchester. Of course, "Miss Veronica Vernon" was quite unknown in that metropolis, not only of commerce but of art; so her name, therefore, appeared quite modestly in the programme for a couple of songs only. The hall was a good one, and crowded; her appearance immediately prepossessed the audience in her favor, as usual, and her first song was received with great admiration. With her second she achieved a marked success; she was not only encored, but at the end of the encore—she chose the Chevalier's tour de force, "Home, Sweet Home"—the applause was vociferous, and she was called back to the platform; until, pale and trembling under the strain of the general excitement, she clung to Tibby, and refused to appear again.

Now, it chanced that there had been that afternoon a conference of the local members of the Liberal party, at which Lord Chesterleigh was present. He had decided to remain until the next day to address another meeting; and after he had finished his dinner at the hotel—he always insisted upon putting up at an hotel on these occasions, because he could get to bed early, which he could not do if staying as a guest at a private house—he strolled out, the night being fine. He came upon the concert hall, and, being passionately fond of music, went in, and was given a seat in a private box by the booking-office clerk, who recognized him, and, settling himself, his lordship leant back, and, putting politics away from him, was quite prepared to enjoy the music.

He had come in some time after the programme had commenced, but he was not too late for Mina's first song. Immediately she appeared, Lord Chesterleigh was struck by the grace and modesty of her bearing; and he put up his eyeglass and looked at her with attention. As he did so, he was smitten by a vague sense of having seen her before; yet he could not recollect where or under what circumstances; he consulted the programme, but her name, obviously a stage one, conveyed nothing to him. The feeling, a troublous one, stirred dim depths of his past life, and made him strangely uneasy, even melancholy; and her singing of "Home, Sweet Home," though he admired it and applauded it as enthusiastically as the rest of the audience, made him still sadder. Where had he seen her before, of whom did she remind him? He harried his memory with the question; but it refused to answer.

He remained until the end of the concert, and was making his way out, still thinking of the girl and pondering over the problem which her personality had set him, when, at a temporary block near the entrance, he recognized a man who was standing close in front of him.

"How do you do, Mr. Quilton?" he said, touching the man on the shoulder.

Quilton turned round and gazed at Lord Chesterleigh with his colorless eyes, and without the slightest sign of responsive recognition in his face.

"I'm afraid you don't remember me?" said Chesterleigh, as they passed on together into the street. "My name is Chesterleigh. We met in India, if you recollect? At any rate, I do not forget that you rendered the Government a great service."

"Ah, yes! How do you do, Lord Chesterleigh?" said Quilton as if he had just recollected his companion; but his tone and face were as impassive as usual.

"Yes; that was very valuable assistance you rendered us," said Lord Chesterleigh; "and I fear that it was not fully recognized. But that was not altogether our fault, was it? You left—I was going to say disappeared from Simla so suddenly, not to say mysteriously," he smiled, "that all our efforts to find you were unavailing."

"That's some years ago, Lord Chesterleigh," said Quilton; "and I'm afraid I've forgotten what it was that took me away. Any small service I may have been able to render the Government it was quite welcome to."

"Strange to meet you here again at Manchester after so many years.—Will you have a cigar?" said Lord Chesterleigh. Quilton accepted one, and lit it in his leisurely fashion. "May one inquire what brings you here?"

"Business," replied Quilton. "I am on the staff of the Beacon; and I came down to report your lordship's meeting."

"I wish you could have found a pleasanter occupation," said Lord Chesterleigh, shrugging his shoulders; "but, indeed, you have this evening. What a capital concert! By the way," he hesitated a moment, "there was a young lady, quite a young girl, who sang most charmingly: an extremely pretty girl, Miss Veronica Vernon. Do you—you gentleman of the Press are generally omniscient—do you know anything of her? I don't remember seeing her name before."

Quilton knocked the ash off his cigar, and studied it as if he had suddenly discovered something extremely interesting in it; then he said:

"She has only appeared recently. I should say—I don't know much about such matters—that she promises to be a success."

"A very great success," said Lord Chesterleigh warmly. "But what I meant to ask was, do you know anything about her personally? I put the question because I fancied that I had seen her before, or that she reminded me of some one."

Quilton stared before him with expressionless eyes.

"I should scarcely think that was likely, Lord Chesterleigh. I do happen to know something about her. She is the daughter of quite humble people. Her father played in the orchestra to-night; and he and her sister look after her."

Lord Chesterleigh sighed—it seemed almost with relief. "I am glad she is so well looked after, guarded. A girl so young, so beautiful, and so highly gifted, is exposed to many temptations.—You did not tell me her name?"

Quilton seemed to ponder for a moment. "Jones, Brown, Thompson—I forget," he said casually.

Lord Chesterleigh sighed again. "Ah, well," he said, as if dismissing the subject. "Will you come to the hotel with me, and have a night-cap and a chat over the old times in India, Mr. Quilton?"

"Thank you; I am afraid I cannot," said Quilton. "I am going to take my report up with me by the night train. And that reminds me that I have only just time to catch it. Good night, Lord Chesterleigh; glad to have met you."

He went off, not hurriedly, but in such a way as to prevent any further conversation; and Lord Chesterleigh went on to his hotel, his head bent, his brows drawn, as if his meeting with Quilton had awakened echoes of the past.

CHAPTER XXI.

The months glided by, the Season commenced; the Conservatives were still clinging to office with a tenacity which, of course, the Liberals declared to be as wicked as it was desperate. The Liberals were still working hard to overthrow the Government, and few worked harder than Clive; not, if the truth must be told, that he was particularly and personally desirous of ousting the Conservatives, but because he found that when he was not at work he invariably fell to brooding. Therefore, he was nearly always in his place in the House, and did a great deal of stumping in the country, and, what was unusual with him, went a great deal into Society, where, it should be added, he was very welcome.

And, of course, he saw a great deal of Lady Edith. He met her nearly everywhere he went, and they danced and talked together. And they talked not only when they met at balls and receptions, but at Grosvenor Square. Habit is second nature; a man is very much like a tabby cat, in his unconscious readiness to move in a certain groove or haunt a certain spot. Clive got into the habit of dropping in at the Chesterleighs', especially when he felt tired and hipped; and it is just when a man is in this condition that the presence and the sympathy of a girl who is not only beautiful, but cultured and tactful, are most welcome.

Lady Edith's sympathy was of the most comprehensive kind; she understood all Clive's aims and aspirations; she had forced herself to take an interest in the cause of the poor, which he was always championing; and her tact was really remarkable for so young a girl; she seemed to divine his mood the moment he entered the room, seemed to know whether it would be better to be silent or to talk to him. Sometimes she went to the piano, and played softly; but, if she could have known it, these were the only occasions on which she erred; for when she played or sang Clive was reminded of Mina; and sometimes he could scarcely bear the music.

Lord Chesterleigh and he were greater friends than ever; and Clive was made free of the house; indeed, Lord Chesterleigh treated him almost as if he were a son; and Clive naturally grew much attached to the older man. They had become so friendly, and Lord Chesterleigh so often talked about family and personal matters unreservedly and confidentially, that Clive was several times on the point of telling him of the strange foreign-looking woman; but in these modern days most of us shrink from even the appearance of intrusion on other persons' private affairs, and Clive held his tongue. As a matter of fact, he attached little or no importance to the woman or her behavior, which he ascribed to monomania.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the evident friendship between Clive and Lady Edith, and his frequent visits to the house, attracted attention. Society regarded a marriage between them as certain, and thoroughly approved of it. But Clive had no intention of proposing to Lady Edith; he did not want to marry any one—not even Mina. His heart felt dead; he was incapable of love for any other woman, and he had, almost unconsciously, the feeling which every man and woman has in his condition—that every one must be aware of his state of mind.

But accident and circumstance often drive us whither we have no intention of going.

Clive went home one morning with Lord Chesterleigh to lunch. It was a lovely day in early spring; and Lady Edith, who had received Clive as if his presence were all that was needed to make the day perfect, remarked:

"What a shame to waste such lovely weather! Father, could you not drive me out into the country in that new mail phaeton of yours?—Do you know," she turned to Clive with a laugh, "that he has bought a most splendacious phaeton and a pair of lovely cobs; and that he has never once asked me to go out with him? And yet I dare say he goes about priding himself that he is an affectionate and attentive parent."

Lord Chesterfield laughed. "I haven't been out with them yet myself," he said.

"Then take me somewhere this afternoon," she retorted quickly. "And perhaps Mr. Harvey would come with us; that is, if he can tear himself away from the House."

"I should be delighted," said Clive. "Wild horses wouldn't drag me to the House this afternoon."

"Then tame horses shall drag us down to—where, father?" she said, her eyes sparkling, her face radiant. "I don't care where it is. Could we find some rustic, out-of-the-way spot where we could have a dinner of tough chops or ham and eggs, or something different from the usual endless and tiresome meal we get at home?—Do you know of such a place, Mr. Harvey?"

Clive considered for a moment or two. "There's a little place called Palmer's Green, out Surrey way," he said; "it is scarcely a place, for there is nothing there but a small inn; but, though I doubt the chops, I feel pretty sure about the ham and eggs. I came upon the place when I was out riding one day. By the way, it is a rather long drive."

"I'll back my horses for any distance," said Lord Chesterleigh, with an owner's proud confidence.

"Your description sounds delightful," remarked Lady Edith. "Let us go at once!"

Clive rose. "I think I should like to change my hat and frock coat for something more suitable to the occasion," he said. "I promise to be back long before you're ready."

"Then you will have to be very quick," she said brightly; "for I shall be exactly three minutes and a half."

"That means three-quarters of an hour," remarked Lord Chesterleigh. "Yes; I can have the phaeton round by that time."

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"I am a creature of the day; I belong to the open, cheerful, optimistic day. Few of my habits or feelings are nocturnal. I am not a prowler, nor a burner of midnight oil, nor a lover of the spectral or obscure. I bring all things to the test of the sunlight; my mind works best and my faith is strongest when the day is waxing and not waning. Yet now I am in a mood to praise the night, the not-day, the great shadow which is a telescope through which we see the Infinite."

Looking back upon his life he reads this lesson:

"That one may have a happy and not altogether useless life on cheap and easy terms; that the essential things are always near at hand; that one's own door opens upon the wealth of heaven and earth; and that all things are ready to serve and cheer one. Life is a struggle, but not a warfare; it is a day's labor, but labor on God's earth, under the sun and stars, with other laborers, where we may think and sing and rejoice as we work."

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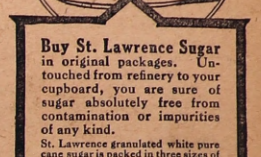

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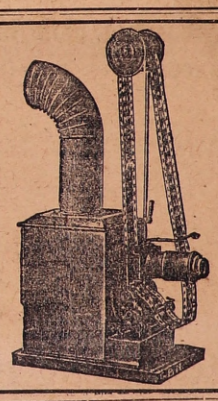

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:

GOING WEST		GOING EAST	
Mail & Ex.	6.02 a.m.	Passenger	10.12 a.m.
Passenger	6.45 p.m.	Mail & Ex.	3.31 p.m.

Local & General

Regular meeting of the Minto Farmers Club Monday evening December 8.th Everyb0dy Welcome,

Remember the Entertainment and Xmas tree at Bethel Church Sine, on Dec. 23rd. Particulars Later.

R. Cosbey has moved his family in the dwelling he has fitted up at the end of the Front St. bridge.

The Ladies Aid of Carmel Church will meet at the home of Mr Edward Pyear on Thursday Dec. 11th at 2 P. M. Visitors Welcome.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church catered for W. S. Martin for the banquet, not the Ladie's Aid, as we reported in our last issue.

Special Services are being held every night in the River Vally school house at 8 o' clock and on Sunday Dec. 7th at 3 p. m.

The Carmel Sunday School holds its annual Xmas Entertainment on Dec. 24th and The Stirling Methodist on Dec. 25th. The practice in each case is going merrily on.

At a congregational meeting of St. Andrews Presbyterian church, a unamious call was extended to the Rev. A. C. Mc. Intosh, now assistant at Orillia.

Dr. Alger was at Belleville on Monday to opperate on a patient whom he sent a few days before. He motered down and reports the road first class condition, almost equal to summer.

The Mission Circle of Spring Brook Methodist Church will hold a Bazaar and Xmas sale on Dec. 12th. Sweets will also be served and all will be made welcome.

Last Monday evening was the regular meeting night of the Village Council but owing to the absence of some of the Councillors. The meeting was postponed to next Monday at the usual hour 8 P. M.

Wallace — Betty— On Wed. Nov. 26th at the Methodist Parsonage, Stirling, by the Rev. A. J. Terrill B. A. B. D.

John R. Wallace Esq. to Miss Florence W. Betty. Both of Huntingdon.

St. John's church Ladies Guild will hold their Annual sale in the Opera House on Wednesday Evening Dec. 10th. Lots of nice things for Santa, will be on sale. Better come. The Delora Orchestra will furnish sweet music. Admission 10c.

Property Sale, — Ceo. Gay has purchased the farm in Sidney Township owned by the Eggleton Bros. Mr Gay will likely not take possession until the Spring as their being no buildings on it, he will have to erect such, as he needs.

MARRIED, — On Wed. Dec. 3rd at High Noon, in the township of Rawdon at the home of Robort Good father of the bride, Mr John B Thompson son of C. W. Thompson was united in matrimony to Miss Aletha Good.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. J. Terrill B. A. B. D.

Quite a serious wreck occurred about a mile west of the statiou on Monday morning, seven cars of wheat and the Engine going east jumped the track, piling up along side, the first car ploughing into the ground. The track was badly broken up for quite a distance.

The accident occurred on a sharp curve. The cars were all new ones and working stiff likely caused the up. The passengers, mail and baggage were transfered during the day.

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Our New Lights

The new double lights with large globes ordered by the council some time ago have been installed from the station to Front street, along the south side of Front street to the corner along Mill street to the pond and on North street to the Masonic Hall.

In a distance of about 50 yards at the corner we now have 12 lamps 10 of them going constant which makes a pretty bright corner. Stirling can now we think boast of having, if not the best, one of the very best lighted business streets of any village of its size in the Dominion. The new lamps being 100 c. p. and double in number make the residential streets lighted with old lamps present quite a dingy appearance in contrast.

There are 23 brackets, 46 lamps of the latest City style installmed.

A serious fire occurred at Madoc on Monday evening when the Moon Hotel Stables were destroyed with all its contents, including seven horses.

John Bateman who was at the hotel lost his horse and rig valued at about $600. Stephen Hoard who was at the hotel also, lost his horse and rig. The proprietor Mr Blue's loss will be quite heavy.

Additional particulars — There were 7 horses lost. Two belonging to W, J. Bateman which with his rig and outfit at the lowest, worth $600. A horse and driving rig belonging to Stephen Hoard worth about $400. Two horses working for the Telphone Co. but owned by Mr Crow who had hired them to the Co. on account of illness and not being able to use them himself. A horse and rig belonging to Mr Mc Donald of Marmora One horse worth about $400. of Mr Blue's the proprietor with all his rigs etc a barn just filled with hay. His loss is estimated at about $2500. with $750. insurance.

For the next few Months New Subscribers and Renewals Will be 75c when paid in advance.

Nathan Eggleton spent a day at Peterboro during the week.

For Sale ,— One general purpose Mare, with foal. Apply to W. J. Graham.

Mrs Brint Wright entertained a number of friends on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Carleton Wright who has been living at Belleville for some time has returned to the village and has taken one of the T. H. McKee rentals on Front Street.

Mrs Bickford of Spring Brook brought in this week a good healthy bunch of lettuce, picked on the 2nd and says there is plenty more.

NOTICE; — I will be at the Electric Light Office on the 12 and 13th of Dec. 1913. To receive taxes.

E. T. Caverely Collector.

Walter Eggleton and wife of Sidney were guests of his brother George over night Tuesday, enroute to visit their daughter who is teaching near Marmora for where they left Wednesday morning.

Acker — Chapman,— At the home of Mr Seymour Chapman, Murray Township on Wednesday Dec. 3rd his daughter Jetteam was united in marriage to Mr Cloyd Acker of Sidney, Mr B. F. Byers officiating.

Mrs Harrett Zufelt of Consicon mother of Mrs T. A. Eggleton died last Friday at the advanced age of 78 years. She was also an aunt of Mrs G. A. Eggleton. The funeral took place on Saturday morning to allow Mr Frank Zufelt to leave that day for Denver where his brother Wm. is dangerously ill, and if possible to move him he will bring him to Consicon.

Hoard's

Mrs James Haig spent a few days last week with her mother Mrs Bell of Campbellford.

Alice Rennie is spending a few days at the home of Mr Willie Rennie of Merle.

Ross Anderson attended the Rowe - Landon wedding Seymour West on Wednesday last.

Mr Ketcheson of Stirling High School spent the week-end with friend near Hoards.

The pupils of Masson's school Seymour are preparing a concert to be given before Christmas. Date will be given later.

Messers George Jackman and Frank Williams attended the banquet given by W. S. Martin in Stirling, on Tuesday night.

Mr and Mrs Fred Jeffs and Willie spent Wednesday last with Mr George Hagerman.

Mr and Mrs Wallace Hoard spent Monday in Belleville.

Wm Adams, recently of the Northwest, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr and Mrs Willie Linn visited friends at Weilmans on Wednesday last.

There will be no church here on Sunday owing to Reopening Services at Zion appointment.

A grant having deen given on the townline along Concessions 1 and 2, considerable improvements have been made. The road having been widened and raised above high water level.

Mt. Pleasant

Ernie McDonald who has spent the past four years in the west has returned and is visiting relatives here.

Burley Emmons has also returned after a summer spent in the west.

Mr. and Mrs James Linn spent Thursday in Foxboro visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cartright Pitman.

Miss Daisy Duval is again in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White of Harold spent Wednesday at the home of George White.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rowe of Healy Falls were guests at Manson McConnell's on Sunday.

Sherman Mills of North Port spent last week with relatives here.

Don't forget the Mission Circle to meet at the home of Mrs. Edward Montgomery on Saturday afternoon.

The regular monthly meeting of the Spring Brook Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Fenn, 12th con. Rawdon on Wed. Nov. 26th at 2 p.m. The delegates Mrs Jas. E. Mumby and Mrs. Fred Fenn, gave a report of the Provincial Convention which was held at Toronto Nov. 20—21. The Institute has secured the loan of the travelling library and any member who has not secured a book would do well to call at the home of Mrs. D. W. Roblin Spring Brook, where Miss Katie Bateman who is the librarian) will gladly show them the books. There were fifteen members and three visitors present at this meeting.

Mrs. Fenn served a substantial lunch which was enjoyed by all. It was decided to have our next meeting at the home of Mrs. Jno. Morgan, Spring Brook the same day as the Farmer's Institute have theirs. A good attendance is hoped for.

Highest Telephone Exchange.

A telephone exchange three miles in the air, said to be the highest in the world, is in the meteorological observatory on the top of Mount Rosa, in the Apennine Alps, 15,450 feet above sea level. At this elevation snow is always found, and advantage is taken of the high insulation given by dry snow, the wires in the last section, at the peak, being simply laid on the snow-covered ground. To prevent breakage by glacier movements the line is carried through rings on the telephone poles. The poles are short and are taken down at the end of every summer season and replaced at the beginning of the following summer.

Greenland Whales.

The great Greenland whale has no teeth, its baleen plates, or whalebone, taking their place. Along the centre of the palate runs a strong ridge, and on each side of this there is a wide depression along which the plates are inserted. These are long and flat, hanging free, and are placed across the mouth with their sides parallel and near each other. The base and outer edge of the plates are of solid whalebone, but the inner edges are fringed, filling up the interior of the mouth and acting as a strainer for the food, which consists of the small swimming molusks and medusae or jellyfish.

No Room For Speeding.

Mr. Atkins was driving over his property with his daughter and a young man whom he was beginning to look upon as a possible and very desirable son-in-law.

The chauffeur, not unnaturally, was inclined to show off the motorcar, but Mr. Atkins himself had higher thoughts. As John, the chauffeur, quickened his speed he leaned over near him and said in a whisper:

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Next Post Office

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting, of the Stirling Cheese Manufacturing Co., will be held in their factory on Dec. the Eighth, 1913 beginning at one o'clock P. M. Sharp For paying of Dividends, selling milk routes and any other business which may come up.

C. W. Thompson, Pres.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Co- will be held in their factory on Dec. 9th 1913 beginning at one o' clock P. M. Sharp, for paying of dividends, Election of officers, selling milk routes, and any other business that may, come up.

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POSTPONED SALE

The Robt Caulson auction of Farm Stock, etc., which was to have been held on Nov. 19 th has been postponed on account of the heavy storm on that day, and will be held on Dec. 21 st 1913.

Robt. Coulson, Foxboro

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Maple Leaf Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held in their factory December 8th beginning at one o' clock P. M. Sharp for the purpose of paying dividends, Electing officers, hiring cheese maker, letting milk routes and the transactions of any other business that may come before the meeting.

W. S. Stiles, Pres.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Spring Brook Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Co. will be held in their factory on December 3rd, 1913 beginning at one o' clock P. M. Sharp for the purpose of closing up the years transactions and any other business that may come before the meeting.

T. J. Thompson, Pres.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at the Factory on Monday, December 15th. 1913, at one o' clock P. M. for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, hiring Cheese Maker and other general business of Company.

J. W. Sager, Pres.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Annual meeting of Central Cheese Co. will be held at the factory, Friday Dec. 12th at 1 o' clock P. M. Sharp for paying of dividends, election of officers, and any other business connected with the factory.

Wilford Smith, Pres.

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Correspondence is invited on all legitimate subjects, the real name of the writer to be furnished the editor in every case. This rule can have no exception.

Friday DEC. 5, 1913

An Open Letter

Since taking over the News Argus last June, it has been my endeavor to get the plant and business in such condition, as to enable me to give Stirling and vicinity, a paper second none, of the local papers. I have been very much handicapped by the impossibility of procuring Compositor help, from doing just what I would like, but notwithstanding the paper has been in advance of the support given it either by the people or the merchants, I do not think I am making an unreasonable assertion when I say that every family of Stirling and a 6 or 8 mile radius should be subscribers to their local paper, and that every merchant should to some extent be represented in its advertising columns. This is very far from being the case, the sooner the people and merchants wake up to the fact that they are part of the firm, and do their part both in support and assistance, the sooner the paper can be improved I am prepared to always keep it well in advance of the support given it, even to a daily paper if justified.

The last few weeks I have been up against a back biting combination of a narrow built and narrow principled merchant or merchants, who endeavored to steal my business, for the little french editor of the Marmora Herald, and were even successful enough by his or their specious arguments to induce Mr. Currie to give them his support. But strong as the combination was it was unsuccessful and I am still in the field with my plant in good shape to effect any improvement warranted, and expect during the next few weeks to make a tour over the field and meet my subscribers and solicit new ones.

All will ask why such should be the case, the reason is simply that I, some few weeks ago published an article in the interest of the farmer as against the big monopolist buyers, and which advised Co-Operation as a remedy. This word Co-Operation of the farmer seems to be to some of the merchants of Stirling like shaking a red rag before a bull, and they (I was afterward told) began calling each other up by telephone asking if the paper was to be supported, printing such articles or if it was to be boycoted, this of course was mostly all behind my back but gradually leaked out and came to my ears by degrees. This is about as narrow a kick as one can hardly realize intelligent people putting up. Shortly after I took up R. A. Elliott's Piano Voting Contest advertisement, giving votes for subscriptions, this strange to say although it is being done in dozens of other places was also made cause of complaint, when if they would stop and think it out, they would realize that as far as the paper is concerned, this would be as much in their interest as my own, as the advertisers of a paper reap as much or more benefit, from increased subscription as the Editor.

Now I wish it distinctly understood that as long as I run the News Argus the farmer will have fair consideration, and the columns are open to almost any extent possible for good legitimate argument.

It is generally allowed that the farmer is the foundation of about all business, but here in Stirling they are not only the foundation, but pretty near the whole push.

And it is about time that our Stirling merchants woke up and realized that business is changing, and that they have stronger outside oppositiou everyday, Belleville on one side reaching up to our very doors and also right into our own house, Trenton and Campbellford following on other sides, with Madoc Marmora and Frankford doing their level best along the same lines, and it behoves our merchants, to be up and alive every minute of each day, and make use of all the opportunities within their reach, of which their local paper is by far, if rightly patronized the most efficient.

CIRCULATE -:- -:- THAT GOOD OLD $ At Home. Don't Send It Away to the Mail Order Man.

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Madoc Junction

Oliver Powery of Montreal spent Friday with Mr and Mrs Andrews.

Mrs Geo. Clarke returned from Peterboro last week where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs E. G. Clarke.

Mr Roy Welburne has returned from a trip out West.

Mr and Mrs Rollard have rented a house here for the winter.

Ther was no service here last week.

We are hoping for fine weather next Sabbath on account of the anniversary services to be held in the Methodist church here. Rev. G. E. Ross will occupy the pulpit morning and evening and on Monday evening a W. M. S. Entertainment will be held in the church

Miss Flossie Wright and several others have been asked to assist with the programme. Refreshments will be served at the closed.

Another immense power plant to cqst millions is to be built on the Canadian side of Niagara which will cover an acre of ground.

Dispersion Sale Of Holsteins.

Mr. James A. Stewart Sr. who has sold his farm in Seymour east, has decided to offer his entire herd of Holstein cattle for sale on Dec. 30th. Mr Stewart has an excellent herd of 32 purebred cattle.

They are of fine type and constitution and while many of them have not been officially tested, they possess some of the best blood of this breed and are capable of making big records. This sale will be without doubt the largest ever held in this section.

There will also be sold at the same time and place, two pure bred Clydesdale stallions and one pure bred mare also a number of pure bred Berkshire pigs, Rhode Island and Leghorn hens. Mr Stewart's implements will also be sold. Mr C. U. Clancy will be the auctioneer. Catalogues of the sale will be issued shortly descriptive ef the breeding of Mr. Stewart's herd.

Spring Brook

Crowded out Last Week

Dr. Totton spent part of last week in Spring Brook.

Wm. Phalin of Flinton was visiting at Mrs Jno Morgen last week.

Miles Mason is back from Saskatchewan where he has been visiting his two sons.

Rev. Mr Bick of Ivanhoe circuit will preach here next Sunday.

Dan Macks dwelling house caught fire last Friday morning and was entirely destroyed. Everything on the lower floor except the stove was saved. All in the upper story was lost. This is the third loss he has suffered from fire in the last five or six years.

P. S. Man and his best friend and near relative, the hog are the only two animals known that will habitually eat and drink more than is good for them. We know we have seen men eat and drink and we keep a hog.

This Week

Dr. Lorne A. Wellman has established himself in Spring Brook.

Miss Beryl Phillips of Maynooth is visiting Mrs Geo. Rosebush.

J. R. Tanner, the last of the Western Harvesters to get home arrived last Saturday.

The Sunday School is preparing for another big Christmas Entertainment

Wesley Mason has let the Mason House to Hiram Cooper who takes possession on the twentieth of this month.

Rev. Mr. Bick preached a very strong missionary sermon here last Sunday. He did not deal so much with the missionary problem as with the missionary spirit as a solution of the problem. If some of the fifty cent givers of former years did not get down deep enough in their pockets for a ten dollar donation the weakness was not in the sermon nor yet in the pockets. Where was it?

P. S. Casey says that a man does not know anything about women till he tries two or three, and then the mystery is like Longfellows turnip—it grows and it grows.

Menie Women's Institute

The ladies of the Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs A. T. Donald on Thursday afternoon Nov. 27th. Thirty nine ladies were present and spent a pleasant afternoon. A splendid report of the W. I. Convention which was held in Toronto last week was given by Mrs Harvey Donald and Miss Bertha Meiklejohn. Mrs I. Clancy gave a paper on How we are benefited by meeting together. Music was furnished by Mrs Jas. Shillinglaw, Mrs John Thomson (Menie) and Mrs Harvey Donald. Mrs John Thompson (Town Line) gave a reading. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 18 at 2 p. m. Miss Pearl Donald will give a paper on, "What Christmas means to me. Instruction on boneless turkey by Mrs. Jas. Williams, there will also be special music. Everyone Welcome.

We wish through the press to thank all those who have sent donations for the Burnbrae cemetery.

Previously acknowledged $42.00. Thos. Fry Sr. Campbellford 2, Geo. Hay U. S. Campbellford 2, Wm. Stewart Menie 5, Geo. Anderson Burnbrae 1, Fred McMullen Burnbrae 1, Andrew Meiklejohn Menie 3, Miss Matthews Campbellford 2, N. Masson Hoards Station 1.25 Ed. Todd Wellmans Corners 2, Mrs. J. H. Ketcheson Chicago 5, Miss Jane Johnston Campbellford 2, Will Hall Meyersburg 1, Louis Little Campbellford 2, John Parks Hoards Station 5, John Morrison Sr. Burnbrae 2, Alex Pirie Campbellford 4.50 Ed. Wilson Burnbrae 2, Mrs. H. Ketcheson Bloomfield 2, Miss Bella Shillinglaw Cambridge Mass. 5, A Friend 2.

FORESTRY FACTS

A new bulletin is now available at the Forestry Branch, Ottawa, describing some simple and inexpensive methods of preserving fence-posts from decay. It has been found that the generous application of hot creosote to well-seasoned posts stripped of bark, even when only painted on with a brush, will add at least ten years to the life of the least durable woods. Many common Canadian woods which hitherto decayed too rapidly to be so used are thus made available for fence-posts. The saving in first cost and transportation more than balances the cost of treatment, while the cost of placing the post will be much less when considered as an annual charge.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, poundkeeper in Division No. 6, Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, have this day, at the request of J. A. Potts, of the township of Rawdon, impounded in the common pound on lot No. 11, Con. 8, one brown mare, weight about 1000 pounds, and about 13 years of age, which was this day trespassing on the premises of J. A. Potts; and unless the owner thereof shall within 30 days from date redeem the same by paying all legal charges against the same, shall sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder on the 17th day of December, at 10 o'clock, a.m., at the said pound, according to law.

E. G. BAILEY,
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Farm For Sale

Part of Lots 20 and 21 in the 12th and 13th concession of the township of Rawdon. 200 acres more or less 100 acres in cultivation with a good sugar bush, and 100 in good pasture and woodland, lying with one corner in Crow River, which makes an excellent fishing ground. A large brick and frame dwelling house. Two good drive houses, a blacksmith shop, and an old dwelling house, One large hip roof barn and small barn joined together. A good orchard. Two good wells and a never failing Spring near the house and a good pig pen.

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NOTICF

The Annual Meeting of the Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held on Saturday December the 13th at One o' clock for the paying of dividends and general transaction of business.

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I have removed shoe business to my house on Emma street from my former stand on Front St., and am ready to do neat and satisfactory Repairing, also new work as usual.

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A very desirable two-story brick house with 4½ acres of land. Good Orchard of various kinds of fruit. Good well, cistern and cellar, barn and underground stable. Nine rooms all modern conveniences. Situated on Front street. Terms reasonable and easy. Possessions given as agreed upon.

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What Happened To Jones

And a lot of other People Is Described In The HOME PAPER

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DRUGGIST, ETC.

EASTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT DAIRY MEETINGS

The annual District Dairy Meeting for the County of North Hastings will be held in the

TOWN HALL, STIRLING

On THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 1913

at two o'clock, p.m., under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario.

Mr. Henry Glendinning, Manilla, ex-President E.O.D.A., Mr. G. G. Publow, Chief Dairy Instructor for Eastern Ontario, and A. D. McIntosh, Stirling, District Representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, will be present to address the meeting. Mr. Chas. Linn, District Dairy Instructor, will be present and report upon his work during the season.

Mr. T. H. Thompson, of Madoc, Director for the District, will occupy the chair.

At the close of the meeting a Director will be nominated to represent the District for the ensuing year.

The great value of this meeting to the Dairy Farmer cannot be over-estimated, and every farmer and farmer's son, who has the interest of his calling at heart, as well as its monetary success, should not fail to be present.

G. A. GILLESPIE, President. **T. A. THOMPSON, Sec.**

A Blind Man's Memory.

The Newmarket, Ont., Industrial Home has a phenomenon. Aged Robert Waterson, an inmate of that institution, is blind, but despite the defect of his sight he can recognize almost any man to whom he has spoken before, as soon as he hears him speak. His remarkable characteristic lies in a wonderfully developed sense of sound.

Recently when the York County Council visited the Home the members agreed, before they arrived, to test "Old Bob's" ability to detect the identity by the voice. Reaching the home they found the old man engaged in one of the buildings and one after the other, twenty-three of the members and men with them approached him and addressed him with "Well, Bob, how are you to-day?" or similar greetings.

Out of twenty-three he failed to recognize only one man. When his memory failed or faltered he asked the speaker to grasp his hand and with the assistance of the occu', communication of the hand he would be able to repeat the man's name almost instantly.

Councillor S. R. Goodwin, of Holland Landing, was a new member of the council last year and had only met "Old Bob" on one occasion. When he stepped up in the line and spoke to the blind man, he was greeted with "How do you do? Mr. Goodwin."

Another instance of his astonishing memory was given when Mr. Seneca Baker, councillor for Whitchurch, who was in the council in 1907, and had retired from it then until this year, when he again became a member of it, addressed the old inmate.

"Why, if this ain't Mr. Baker back again," he said, and expressed his delight at hearing him again.

Unappreciated.

I try to read the ancient poets,
Who tore off stanzas by the yard;
But, truth confessed, I turn for rest
To modern and more flippant bards.

Explained.

"When is a fellow no good?"
"When?"
"Yes."
"When he is nothing but a good fellow."

"Stagger" Oil.

From the beginning of September until November a small fish called stickleback is caught in considerable quantities off the island of Dunamunde, at the mouth of the Dwina river, in the gulf of Riga, and also near the island of Semgallen, in the Dwina river, near Dunaberg, Russia. The fishermen make an oil from this fish which is very useful in the leather and harness industry as a preservative. The name of this fish is "Stichling" in German, the common name is "kaserage," and in some communities it is called "stagger."

A STANDING EXAMPLE.

of the kind of clothing we make to order. None of your chance fits, but the real thing. We don't try to fit a man into a ready-made suit; we make a suit to fit the man, and to fit him as if it were his own suit—not a borrowed one. If you want to have the reputation of being a correct dresser, let us do the tailoring for you and you will ever be sure of good materials, good fit, splendid workmanship and perfect finish.

We also carry a good line of Men's Working Shirts and Overalls.

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A good Working Team, or will exchange for Cattle or Suckling Colts. Apply to

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SPARKLING EYES AND RUBY LIPS

The Birthright of Every Girl With Rich, Red Blood.

The sad eye that goes with bloodlessness is a sure sign of misery and weakness. Anaemic—that is bloodless—girls and women have dull, heavy eyes with dark lines underneath. The eyelid is pulled down, looks pale and bloodshot inside. This is not all. Anaemia works havoc all through the system; girls grow painfully weak and irritable; they are breathless and incapable of much exertion, while older women who are anaemic complain of being "never really well."

There is only one way to brighter, better health for pale, pining girls and women. That way is to invigorate the body with new blood—the rich, healthy blood that imparts strength, cleanses the system of all impurities, and restores the bright eyes and red lips of perfect health. Thousands of girls and women know that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People make this new, rich, red blood, and so restore health and strength more surely than any other medicine known. There would not be an anaemic woman or girl in the land if those suffering from this condition would give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. That is why so many recommend these pills to their suffering sisters. Mrs. R. B. Keith, Steeves Settlement, N.B., says:—"At the age of 13 my daughter Sadie began to complain of constant headaches, and did not have her usual good appetite. I went to a doctor and got some medicine, but it did not help her, and finally she had to discontinue going to school. She seemed to be growing weaker every day and wanted to lie down all the time, and would continually complain of being tired. The doctor gave her another bottle of medicine, but with no better results. There was not a bit of color in her face or lips, and I was afraid she was going into a decline. A friend who was in to see her said "if she was my child I would try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," and I decided I would take the advice. In a couple of weeks we could see a difference, as her eyes looked brighter, and she would try to eat a little. When she began the pill she could not dress herself alone, but little by little her strength came back until she could go for a walk. She continued the use of the Pills several months with the result that she was again strong and active. This was over two years ago, and she has been a strong, healthy girl ever since. We have since used the pills for other purposes and find them a good family medicine."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all medicine dealers, or will be sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

The furrier establishment of Mr. McKeon, Victoria Lane, Sligo, has been destroyed by fire.

The death is announced of Mr. Patrick Gurney, M.P. for Cork County, North. He was an O'Brienite.

Thomas Emery of Cortley, recently sustained very serious injuries in a cycling accident near Aghalam.

The newly-established flax market in Monaghan has now been opened, and is in every way a success.

An old woman, aged 75 years, named Mary Bannigan, of Gilbert Street, Corybrennan, was fatally burned through the upsetting of a paraffin oil lamp.

A large quantity of modern machinery has been installed for the development of the Queen's County coal mines.

A shark, measuring four feet ten inches, has been caught on the Turbot Bank in the harbor of Queenstown.

Omagh Urban Council has applied for a loan of $20,000 to enlarge and equip the present Council Chamber as a town hall.

During the past few days 34 panes of stained glass in the large window of the Warren Point Presbyterian church were maliciously broken.

A sensational occurrence is reported from the Delvin district where the house of a man was fired into, one window being shattered.

Post office officials in Dublin lately refused to accept parcels containing newspapers of the Gaelic League that were addressed in Irish.

An Irish battle axe of the stone age period has been discovered by Francis Killedy while digging in one of his fields at Killaley recently.

Mr. McMordie, M.P., who has been Lord Mayor of Belfast for four years, has consented to be nominated for the office for the coming year.

Mrs. Agnes Craig, of Elm Street, Belfast, who has reached her 102nd year, is a native of the Broughshane district and is still hale and hearty.

A co-operative store for the students at Dublin University has been opened at Trinity College. It is the first one of its kind in the United Kingdom.

Claremorris Rural Council has decided to have all new wells and other work of a like nature carried out by direct labor under the direction of the surveyor.

It is stated that fully one-third of the population of Dublin are now involved in the labor dispute, 100,000 men, women and children being in actual want.

The Congested Districts Board have made an offer for the purchase of the section of the Gibbons Estate of Rushbrooke, Taioneyemon, Cogonia, and Ballynacurriga.

The tenants of Lord Ardilaun in Clonhan and Cong., Galway, have decided to pay no more rent until the estates are sold to the Congested Districts Board.

At Boyle Quarter Session, District Inspector Beirne in objecting to the granting of an additional branch of Eplin, said it was the "most drunken hole in Roscommon."

The Lord Mayor of Dublin has announced that the Chief Secretary intends to appoint a Departmental Commission to inquire into the housing of workers in Irish cities and towns.

Johnny Speaks.

Johnny was putting some questions to his father on the subject of economy, in the course of which he asked if the moon was inhabited. "Oh, yes," said the parent; "there are people living in the moon." "Are there many?" queried the youngster. "Yes, lots," was the reply; "far more than in this world." "Why, then," said the youth, "aren't they crowded a good deal at half-moon?"

WHEN BABY CRIES.

Do not get out of patience or scold or shake your baby for crying. He does not do that to be ugly—that is not a baby's nature—he wants to laugh and be happy, but when he cries that is the way he takes of telling you he is in pain; that his little stomach is out of order or that his new teeth hurt him. Instead of being cross give him a dose of Baby's Own Tablets and you will soon see him laughing and happy again. The Tablets sweeten the stomach; make teething painless; break up colds; cure constipation and expel worms. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PALACE OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR

The Several Hundred Chambers Are Small.

A writer in the Scientific American describes the Babylonian excavations, which German archaeologists are conducting. Of all the interesting discoveries that have been made, Nebuchadnezzar's palace may be considered the most important.

Little except the foundations of the palace remain, and they are of square burned bricks, each of which bears on its lower face the name and title of the great king. The several hundred chambers of the palace are small; some of them are scarcely larger than a wooden bed. One chamber, much larger than the rest, had at one side a low platform of bricks. That is supposed to have been the throne-room; upon the platform the throne of the king probably stood.

There was a sacred street in Babylon that led from the palace to the temple. Along it the images of the gods were carried in procession in time of festival. The palace gateway that led to the street, known as the Ishtar gate, is most imposing, and gives the spectator a good idea of how Babylon must have looked in its glory. Whatever its original height may have been, it still stands forty feet above the street.

Its six square towers of burned bricks measure twelve feet each way, and on all their sides, one above another, there are beautiful bas-reliefs of bulls, lions, dragons, and animals of fantastic shapes. The reliefs are of brick, glazed blue and yellow and white, and the coloring is as fresh as it ever was. Each brick of the relief was glazed separately, and so accurately that when it was placed in the wall it formed a part of the perfect picture.

Within the city of Assur were discovered the earliest Assyrian palaces and temples, the home of the mayor, an intricate system of water-works and drainage, a business street lined with shops and paved with blocks of marble, the thickly crowded residential section of the poorer people, the great vaulted tombs of the nobles, with massive doors of stone, which still swing on their stone pivots, innumerable weapons, and ornaments of gold and stone.

Manlike.

He tried for seven years to win
The maiden for his own;
Then, manlike, after he had got
Her consent to share his lot
He sadly wondered why he'd not
Let well enough alone.

Stops a Cough IN ONE NIGHT

A Remedy that Never Fails

It's simply wonderful to think how quickly a bad throat or catarrh can be cured with Catarrhozone. Its rich balsamic vapor is carried along with the breath into the innermost recesses of the lungs, bronchial tubes, and chest, making it impossible for the germ of any disease to live. Thus soreness in the chest is at once alleviated—phlegm is loosened and ejected from the throat, old-standing coughs are removed.

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Many say it can't be prevented, neither can warts or corns; but they can be cured by Putnam's Corn Extractor; it cures corns and warts without pain in twenty-four hours. Use only Putnam's, 25c. at all dealers.

Bead Tunics Now Shown.

Bead tunics of many kinds are shown in the shops. They are not of the kind that have been on sale for several months—tunics of net embroidered with beads. To be sure, these are still sold. But the new sort are made of strings of pearl beads, formed into tunics. For instance, there is one, formed of many strings of beads fastened to a chain of beads that goes about the neck.

The strands are caught in it at the waist, then fall loose again to form a sort of tunic which ends where they are caught in about the hips. There is a second tunic, formed by a second looping up of all the dozens and dozens of strands of beads—there are some extra ones put in under the arms at the waist—and then they hang in a little loose tunic at the bottom. Other tunics are made in different fashions of strings of beads. Some are double, some are single, some are in straight and some are in irregular outline. These tunics must, of course, be made up over some fabric, for the strands of beads separate with every motion. They are especially effective made up over satin.

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Try Murine Eye Remedy

If you have Red, Weak, Watery Eyes or Granulated Eyelids. Doesn't Smart—Soothes Eye Pain. Druggists Sell Murine Eye Remedy, Liquid, 25c, 50c. Murine Eye Salve in Aseptic Tubes, 25c, 50c. Eye Books Free by Mail.

An Eye Tonic Good for All Eyes that Need Care

Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago

Teacher—"Jimmie, suppose you had ten apples and ten oranges, and gave nine-tenths of them to some other little boys, what would you have?" Jimmie—"I'd have me head examined."

HAIR AND SKIN BEAUTY

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Assisted by occasional use of Cuticura Ointment.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold throughout the world. A liberal sample of each, with 32-page Skin Book, sent post-free. Address Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Dept. 2K, Boston, U. S. A.

Molybdenum Lights.

Not content with the improvement in the incandescent electric lamp brought about by using drawn wire filaments of tungsten instead of carbon, electrical experts are seeking even more efficient metallic filament. According to the London Times, ductile molybdenum may supply the want. Molybdenum seems to be the most promising of all the so-called rare metals at all suitable for use in electric lamps. Molybdenum has rarely if ever been melted; consequently, filaments of the pure or the alloyed metal could be used at a higher temperature than tungsten. That would mean better lights, for the efficiency of an electric lamp largely depends on the temperature to which the filaments can be raised. Molybdenum is a white metal almost as malleable as iron. It can be forged while hot, and worked up into thin rods, which in turn can be drawn into wire. Experts are now trying to find out whether the wire can be drawn fine enough to have the necessary electrical resistance.

Will Quickly Cure Any Sour Stomach

Relieves Fullness After Meals.

"When I was working around the farm last winter, I had an attack of inflammation," writes Mr. E. P. Dawkins, of Port Richmond. "I was weak for a long time, but well enough to work until spring. But something went wrong with my bowels, for I had to use salts or physic all the time. My stomach kept sour, and always after eating there was pain and fulness, and all the symptoms of intestinal indigestion. Nothing helped me until I used Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Instead of hurting, like other pills, they acted very mildly, and seemed to heal the bowels. I did not require large doses to get results with Dr. Hamilton's Pills, and feel so glad that I have found a mild yet certain remedy. To-day I am well— no pain, no sour stomach, a good appetite, able to digest anything. This is a whole lot of good for one medicine to do, and I can say Dr. Hamilton's Pills are the best pills, and my letter, I am sure, proves it."

Refuse a substitute for Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut, sold in yellow boxes, 25c. All dealers, or The Catarrhozone Co., Kingston, Ont.

Priest (to Mulligan, who is standing at doorway)—And is the family well, Mulligan? Mulligan—Fair, yer riverence—'cept the pig. He's taken a bad turn.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

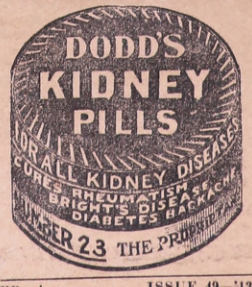
The Office Holder.

"You say Jenks has great executive ability."

"Yes."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because he manages to hold a job without being competent to do any kind of real work."



Chenile flowers are used for corsage bouquets now. They are made of strings of chenile, in heavy, soft quality, looped into petals, and mounted on green chenile stems, stiffened with wire. Brilliant, but at the same time, soft shades of red and blue and violet and green and yellow are used. These little flowers have a charm all their own, and are especially effective worn on the dull, gloomy days for which December is famous.

Turnback Cuffs for Gloves.

Long white gloves are made with wide, turnback cuffs at the elbow or slightly above it. These cuffs, which flare out and away from the arm, are made of black velvet, mounted on kid, and embroidered with gold or silver beads, applied in straight lines. The stitching on the backs of these gloves is also marked with beads, to match those used on the cuffs.

New Embroidered Blouse.

A charming new blouse of white chiffon is embroidered with dragon flies. There are two on each side of the front closing. They are worked with beads of silver, pale blue, mauve and irridescent green. The dragon flies are in graceful poses, and form a decorative touch to the blouse.

Gold Lace Belts on Blouses.

On some of the new satin blouses there are wide belts of gold lace. The blouses are worn, naturally, under the skirt, and the belts are so attached to the blouses that they fall over the skirtbands. The lace is mounted over gold net or chiffon.

Woman In Pain For Three Years

Tells of Her Remarkable Cure.

"Very few people could so patiently suffer for three years as I did," writes Mrs. M. D. Durand, from her home in Augusta. "Sometimes I did feel very discouraged, but knew that a remedy would some day turn up with the power to relieve my sufferings. Nerviline was the one thing that ever did me real good. It had the power to sink into my stiff, sore muscles, and it drew out the pain and gave me release from such distress as few people know. My condition was largely Rheumatic, and on this account I do urge every person with Rheumatic tendencies to use Nerviline—rub it in frequently and bind a hot flannel cloth over the aching parts. This is very soothing and will surely cure."

No home complete without Nerviline. Family size bottles, 50c.; trial size, 25c., at all storekeepers and druggists or The Catarrhozone Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Her Reason for Rage.

Mr. Binks—Why so unhappy?

Mrs. Binks—I hate that Mrs. Next Door with a deadly hate, and I'm perfectly miserable over it.

Mr. Binks—But she doesn't know it.

Mrs. Binks—That's why I'm so unhappy.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c.

Working Him.

Kid—Say, mister, if I get half a pound of butter at 42 cents a pound, and a half a pound of sugar at 6 cents, a half dozen eggs at 24 cents, how much change will I have out of one dollar?

Old Man—Fifty-four cents.

Kid—Thanks! that's one of my problems for to-morrow.

I was cured of terrible lumbago by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
REV. WM. BROWN.

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MRS. S. KAULBACK.

I was cured of sensitive lungs by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
MRS. S. MASTERS.

A Handwriting Expert.

Gabe—Perkins is a good guesser.

Steve—He ought to be. He used to be a prescription clerk in a drug store.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

After the Sermon.

After preaching a sermon on the fate of the wicked an English clergyman met an old woman well known for her gossiping propensities, and he said, "I hope my sermon has borne fruit. You heard about the place where I said there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth?" "Well, as to that," answered the dame, "if I 'as anything to say, it be this: Let them gnash teeth as has 'em—I ain't."

Forethought.

Boarder—Why did the landlady send me two eggs. I asked for only one.

Maid—She probably thought one of them might be bad, sir.

The best man sometimes wins by losing at a wedding.

Everybody knows that Methuselah was the oldest man, but even the Bible is reticent about the oldest woman.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—SILVER PATCHED FOXES, also dark reds. With to buy 100 pairs of Mink for breeding purposes. Graham Bros., R. R. No. 1, Strathroy, Ont.

CANCER, TUMORS, LUMPS, ETC., internal and external, cured without pain by our home treatment. Write us before too late. Dr. Bellman Medical Co., Limited, Collingwood, Ont.

GALL STONES, KIDNEY AND BLADder Stones, Kidney trouble, Gravel, Lumbago and kindred ailments positively cured with the new German remedy, "Sanol," price $1.50. Another new remedy for Diabetes-Mellitus, and sure cure, is "Sanol's Anti-Diabetes." Price $2.00 from druggists or direct. The Sanol Manufacturing Company of Canada, Limited, Winnipeg, Man.

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HAMILTON, ONT.

The Logic of Youth.

"Father," exclaimed John vigorously, "why don't Quakers take off their hats?"

"Because, my son, it is their belief that to remove their hat is a mark of respect that they think they should pay to no man."

"Well," remarked the boy, after a moment's silence, "how do they manage when they have to have their hair cut?"

Very Proper.

Hewitt—He always sings at his work.

Jewett—What is his business?

Hewitt—He is in a grand opera company.

WHY KEEP ON COUGHING?

Here Is A Remedy That Will Stop It

Do you realize the danger in a neglected cough?

Then why don't you get rid of it?

Yes, you can shake it off, even though it has stuck to you for a long time, if you go about it right.

Keep out in the fresh air as much as you can, build up your strength with plenty of wholesome food, and take Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne.

This reliable household remedy has broken up thousands of hacking, persistent coughs, which were just as troublesome as yours, and what it has done for so many others it will do for you.

Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne contains absolutely no harmful drugs, and so can be given safely to children, as well as adults. Your physician or druggist can confirm this statement, for we are ready to send them on request a complete list of all the ingredients.

Put up in 25c. and 50c. bottles by the National Drug and Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited. 317

Bad Blood

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Items of News by Wire

Notes of Interest as to What Is Going on All Over the World

Canada.

Orillia post office is to be enlarged, at a cost of $31,000.

London will vote on the question of having Sunday street cars.

Gold shipments from New York to Canada in the last fortnight have aggregated $18,000,000.

The Armour Grain Company of Chicago obtained a license to do business in Ontario.

A foreigner was sentenced at Winnipeg to five years and 30 lashes for assault on a young girl.

Tea and coffee imported into Canada last year totalled nine million dollars at wholesalers' importing prices.

A board of conciliation has awarded a big increase in pay to G.T.R. telegraphers and station employes.

J. P. Muller, the Government expert, suggests reductions in Western freight rates for hauls exceeding 50 miles.

The vote in Saskatchewan on direct legislation was six to one in favor, but was only a small proportion of the total vote.

The body of Rev. Frank Butler, of Thessalon, was found in the lake, with the throat cut. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of murder.

William Turney Whitehead, ex-M.P.P., one of the best-known men in New Brunswick, an authority on timber lands, died at the age of sixty-one.

Ten large steamship companies, besides some smaller ones, are merged in the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, which is now about completely formed.

The bodies of nine sailors drowned in the recent lakes storm were buried at Kincardine, Goderich and Sarnia. Two more bodies from the Hudrus have been identified.

F. H. Callum testified in the Montreal inquiry into the purchasing of lands by the city, that he had paid a politician and an ex-alderman $5,000 each for their assistance.

Christopher Sawyer, of Dorset, a well-known trapper and guide in the Muskoka Lakes district, was found dead, of heart failure, on the lake shore, having been missing two days.

The Saskatchewan Purchasing Co., Limited, the only attempt ever made in that Province to establish co-operative stores, as known in Great Britain, has made an assignment. It had opened 14 stores.

A two-year-old child of Albert Love, in Windsor, climbed on a boarder's dresser and found a powerful drug, which he mistook for candy, and ate, dying in half an hour.

The total Federal estimates for the year 1913-14 were about $200,000,000. After deducting from the usual percentage of lapsed votes, possibly $175,000,000 will be spent by March 31, 1914. Of this amount $50,000,000 will be on capital account, nearly all of which, under the practice which hitherto has prevailed, the Government would be justified in borrowing; but the greater portion will be paid off out of the current revenue.

Great Britain.

The Chief Whip of the Liberal party says there will be no British general election until 1915.

The Duke of Connaught has lost some valuable jewellery, and Scotland Yard is investigating.

Evan Roberts, the noted Welsh revivalist, refused to see his aged father, who had travelled a long distance seeking an interview.

Premier Asquith, speaking at Leeds, denied there was any division of opinion in the British Cabinet on the home rule question.

Smoking is not only forbidden among the Harrow boys, but by an edict just promulgated it is also forbidden to visitors to the famous English school.

The super-dreadnought Warspite, launched at Davenport, may be the last big warship, as it has been found that submarines can render huge battleships almost impotent.

United States.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst is taking home $20,000 profits from her United States tour.

Premier Borden was the guest of honor at a dinner and a luncheon in Washington on Friday.

There are now 15,000 employes of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N.Y., out on strike.

A drunken man was the last to shake Gen. Bramwell Booth's hand prior to his departure for England from New York.

Three persons are dead, and several are ill, due to eating squirrels which had fed upon chestnuts from a blighted tree near Glastonbury, Conn.

General.

Lieut. Tieges, a German artillery officer, was sentenced to ten years for the wanton murder of a junior officer.

Latest reports from Mexico state that the rebels have occupied Cedral, while the Federals have gained a slight advantage in Zacatecas.

General Villa's victorious rebel forces have commenced their southward march through Mexico to meet the Federal army at Chihuahua.

FEEDING THE UNEMPLOYED.

Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Men Workless at Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Seventeen thousand three hundred men are out of employment in Winnipeg at the present time, according to W. Hammond, past president of the Building Trades Council, at the executive council of the Amalgamated Trade Unions in the Labor Temple. He arrived at his figures by a consideration of trade unionists now idle. He says 25,000 will be idle by Christmas. There are in Winnipeg over thirteen thousand trade unionists. Over fifty per cent. of these are idle. These are mainly men skilled in the building trades. These men have helpers amounting to at least a number equal with their own. That makes nearly fourteen thousand. He estimates that, conservatively speaking, there are three thousand five hundred other idle men in the city—clerks, office men, railroad construction men and laborers.

Several Western cities are feeding their unemployed under municipal organization, notable among these being Vancouver and Brandon. The towns in Northern Saskatchewan and Alberta have passed the crisis by reason of the fact that many men have gone from them to the lumber camps of the country.

DISEASED POTATOES.

U.S. Department of Agriculture to Take Drastic Steps.

A despatch from Washington says: Potatoes from Canada and Europe not already under quarantine will be excluded from the United States if plans framed by the Department of Agriculture carry. Already warned of an impending potato famine, the Department experts said the present restrictions against diseased potatoes must be extended further to prevent ruining future American crops.

ASTONISHING STATISTICS.

Germany Is a Growing Importer From Great Britain.

A despatch from London says: In view of the prevalent impression in Britain and abroad that the British markets are flooded with goods "made in Germany" it is interesting to note the statement appended to a bill regulating commercial relations between the two countries just framed by the German Federal Council. The statement shows that Germany's trade with Britain and her colonies far exceeds her trade with any other country, and that Germany's imports from Britain exceeds her exports to Britain in ever-increasing degree. In 1909 the difference was £12,500,000; in 1910, £14,000,000; in 1911 nearly £16,500,000, and in 1913, £24,500,000.

SIX MORE SHOT.

Striking East Indians Killed by Police in Riot North of Durban.

A despatch from Durban says: Later details of the affray on the Blackburn sugar estate show that a body of fourteen police was attacked by three hundred Indians armed with sugar cane knives. In a desperate fight six Indians were killed and thirty wounded, some of them dangerously. Three policemen were wounded and a European civilian was stabbed and left unconscious by the Indians.

NEW ICE BREAKER.

Largest of Its Kind in the World For St. Lawrence River.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Tenders are being called and will be received up to January 8th for the new ice-breaker to be used in the St. Lawrence. The steamer will be the lragest of its particular kind in the world, and in conjunction with those already in operation is designed to do much to facilitate the early opening of navigation in the St. Lawrence channel.

The World in Review

Canadian vs. American Eggs.

During the last fiscal year Canada imported from the United States 7,569,067 dozen of eggs, for which her people paid the enormous sum of $1,621,367.

Over 90,000,000 eggs among over 7,000,000 people means that Canadians during the year eat on an average twelve American eggs each. Furthermore, Canadians have been the cause of giving work to at least 300,000 American hens if they each average 300 eggs a year. Where, oh where, is the patriotic Canadian hen? Why does she not perform her duties properly? Does she not exist? Are there not 300,000 hens in all this vast land of ours which will wipe this stain from our poultry yards? Will Canadians allow American eggs to decorate their breakfast table? Will they not rather refuse to eat those dozen eggs which come from American hens? Shall we as a nation increase our hens or diminish our eggs?

It is said that farmers can not live by chickens alone. But there is no objection to them keeping other things besides chickens. What we as patriotic citizens demand is a good home-Canadian egg well and truly laid by a Canadian hen. We appeal to the women of Canada. It is they who are primarily responsible. We know their exacting duties call for much of their time, but if the women of Canada were determined that the great American egg should dominate us no more we are sure that the Canadian hen would almost crow over its rival.

Are You a Talosophe?

What's that—you don't know anything about talosophy? Listen: Talosophy is a new cult, invented by W. Y. Backus. It is defined as the art or exercise of appreciation. For instance, when you meet with courtesy in shop, factory, store or street car, you express your thanks and report the matter to the superior officer or employer of the courteous person—just as you have been accustomed to "holler" about discourtesies. You go about looking for nice things to report and you find them—and the more nice things you find the fewer the unpleasant things become. You bombard busy employers with report cards and in that way contribute to their felicity and the revenues of the postal department. You may, of course, find places where you simply won't be able to report all the courtesies you receive, but that needn't discourage you from making personal acknowledgments.

The Colicless Cucumber.

Small boys, step up and shake hands with this venerable gentleman. His name is Science, and he just has presented to the aching world the soothing assurance of a colicless cucumber. Don't see how that affects you? That shows that your mind has not been trained to carry a thought to its logical conclusion, says the New York Herald. Can't you understand that the advent of the colicless cucumber presages the coming of the crampless green apple. The immature peach when consumed will carry with it no moral pointing consequences. Happy days are in store for childhood.

Immense Commerce.

The Sault Ste. Marie Canal—popularly known as the "Soo"—will carry more freight this season than Suez, Manchester and all the famous canals of Germany taken together. The "Soo" has transported an average of more than 10,000,000 tons per month since navigation opened, and its total record for the year will not be less than 75,000,000 tons. Figures like these make traffic on other artificial waterworks look petty and tame. The great lakes carry more commerce than any other body of water less in size than the open ocean, and the most important stream of trade on the lakes has to pass through the "Soo" Canal.

Progress In Far East.

Japan has shown how fast an Oriental nation can pick up and pull abreast of the leaders. Little more than fifty years ago Japan was the home of an unenlightened people. To-day she is neck and neck with the leaders of civilization, and already she has humbled in open war a mighty European power; and Japan has a population of only forty-seven millions. China is following in Japan's footsteps and what will happen when China, with her four hundred millions, pulls to the front? India is under the watchful eye of Britain, but India has a population of two hundred and ninety-four millions of people, who will speak for themselves.

NEW GUN FOR AIRSHIP.

Eleven Hits Out of Fourteen Shots at Altitude of 600 Feet.

A despatch from London says: The new automatic machine gun for air craft, the invention of Colonel Lewis, a retired United States army officer, was given exhaustive tests on Thursday at Bisley in the presence of a distinguished gathering of British army officers and foreign military attaches. The new gun resembles a large rifle in appearance, but it has an outer jacket covering the barrel. It weighs only twenty-seven pounds. The action is totally automatic and the gun is capable of firing eight hundred rounds a minute. With the gun mounted on a Grahame-White aeroplane, Lieutenant Stellingwelf of the Belgian army scored eleven hits in fourteen shots, from an altitude of 600 feet, on a target of white sheets twenty feet square. Those present were greatly impressed with the demonstration.

VALUE OF SETTLERS' EFFECTS

The Total for Twelve Months Ending September, $15,219,215.

A despatch from Ottawa says: During the twelve months ending with September last the new settlers coming to Canada brought with them, exclusive of actual cash, effects to the value of $15,219,215. That is the total of the customs entries for settlers' effects for the twelve months. Of this total arrivals from the United States brought in effects to the value of $10,022,935, while immigrants from Great Britain brought in $4,619,404.

DUKE GOING TO MONTREAL.

His Royal Highness to Attend the St. Andrew's Society Ball.

A despatch from Ottawa says: His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will visit Montreal on Friday and Saturday of this week. On Friday, December 5, he will attend the St. Andrew's Society ball. Princess Patricia may accompany the Duke, but the Duchess will not go at the present time.

OUTLOOK IS ENCOURAGING.

Monetary Tightness Only Temporary, Says Sir T. Shaughnessy.

A despatch from Montreal says: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in an interview on the financial situation, said:

"The pause in the flow of money into Canada has been beneficial in that it has enforced on Canadians that careful and economical handling of money in business and in private affairs which has been the real secret of Canada's past prosperity.

"The flow of immigration into Canada cannot cease, for it is due to economic conditions which show no signs of changing. Wages, the price of good land, and the opportunity for work, are all in favor of Canada, as compared with Great Britain and Europe. The United States, our former competitor for this immigration, is now inclined rather to restrict than encourage any further influx. The poorest laborer coming into a new country, such as Canada, is the incarnation of capital, for he brings with him the capacity to work and to transform some undeveloped natural resource into a thing that can be used, and thus by his labor he creates wealth.

"Canada, therefore, must welcome the immigrant for many years to come, and must continue to provide increased facilities of transportation, colonization and housing. To provide such facilities the European capitalist and the investor will, in my opinion, continue to furnish the money, for, owing to the propaganda carried on by the Dominion and the Provincial Governments and industrial bodies, for labor and for the profitable investment of capital, the opportunities in Canada are thoroughly realized across the water, and it is only the temporary financial stringency, due chiefly to the Balkan war, which has caused any apparent slackening of such investment.

"The splendid crops in the West and the large constructive programme carried on by big enterprises, has caused money to circulate which might otherwise have been lacking, and the Western farmers, who contribute so much to Canada's progress, are, therefore, looking forward to next year with bright hopes. Manufacturing conditions in eastern Canada are also satisfactory, and a considerable number of American manufacturers are realizing that it pays them to have branch Canadian factories and to employ Canadian labor. This is a movement which we heartily welcome, and which I am sure will prove a good investment for the Americans concerned."

HINDUS CAN ENTER CANADA.

Sweeping Decision Given Against Federal Orders in Council.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says: Chief Justice Hunter has given a sweeping decision condemning as illegal all the Federal orders-in-Council which have hitherto kept Hindus out of British Columbia. The only grounds on which a Hindu may now be excluded are those of idiocy, disease, crime or mendicancy, merely grounds which apply against British-born citizens entering Canadian Eastern ports. For instance, there is now nothing to prevent entire ship loads of Hindus entering British Columbia, and judging from the persistence with which they have for three years been pressing the question of their entry these shiploads may not be slow in taking advantage of the chance to come.

THE DOMINION'S JUBILEE.

Proposal to Mark It by Monument to Fathers of Confederation.

A despatch from Quebec says: The Quebec Board of Trade has under consideration a project for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Canadian Confederation on July 1, 1917, the preliminary work of which and the framing of the act took place in Quebec. It is proposed to commemorate the historical event by the erection of a suitable monuemnt to the Fathers of Confederation on the site of the former Parliament buildings, now known as Frontenac Park, opposite the Archbishop's Palace at the head of Mountain Hill.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Young Fellow of Nineteen Killed by a Large Stone.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: Warren Rowan, a young man nineteen years of age, employed by the Soo Dredging & Construction Company, was on Saturday morning crushed to death while endeavoring to put a chain around a large stone which had just been raised by the large derrick. The stone slipped out of the grip of the dredge and fell on Warren, crushing his chest and breaking several ribs.

Grain, Cattle and Cheese

Prices of These Products in the Leading Markets are Here Recorded

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Flour—Ontario wheat flours, 90 per cent., $5.45, seaboard, and at $5.40 at local points, Ontario. Manitoba—First patents, in jute bags, $5.30; do., seconds, $4.80; strong bakers', in jute bags, $4.60.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 92c, on track, Bay ports, and No. 2 at 90c.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 wheat at 83 to 84c, outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario oats, 33 to 34c, outside, and at 36 to 37c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada old oats, 39 1-2c for No. 2, and 38c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—$1, outside.

Barley—Good malting barley, 58 to 60c, outside.

Corn—New American, 75c, all rail, Toronto.

Rye—No. 2 at 68 to 70c, outside.

Buckwheat—70c, outside, with none offering.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $21 to $21.50 a ton, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $22 to $22.50, Toronto.

Country Produce.

Butter—Choice dairy, 22 to 24c; inferior, 20 to 21c. Creamery prints, 30 to 31c; solids, 28 to 29c; storage, prints, 27 to 28c; do., solids, 26 to 27c.

Eggs—Case lots of new-laid, 43 to 44c per dozen; fresh, 35 to 37c, and storage, 32 to 33c per dozen.

Cheese—14 1-2c for large, and 14 3-4 to 15c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $2.10 to $2.20 per bushel; primes, $1.75 to $2.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. for No. 1; combs, $3 to $3.25 per dozen for No. 1, and $2.50 for No. 2.

Poultry—Fowl, 12 to 13c per lb.; chickens, 16 to 18c; ducks, 12 to 14c; geese, 12 to 15c; turkeys, fresh, No. 1, 23 to 25c.

Potatoes—Ontario, 95c per bag on track, and Delawares at the same price.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 16c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $28.50; do., mess, $24.50. Hams—Medium to light, 19 1-2 to 20c; heavy, 19c; rolls, 15 1-2 to 16c; breakfast bacon, 19 to 20c; backs, 22 to 24c.

Lard—Tierces, 14 1-4c; tubs, 14 1-2c; pails, 14 3-4c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $14.50 to $15.50 a ton, on track, here; No. 2 at $13 to $13.50, and mixed at $12 to $12.50.

Baled straw—Car lots, $6, on track, Toronto.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 2.—Cash—Wheat, No. 1 Northern, 85 3-8c; No. 2 Northern, 83 1-2c; No. 3 Northern, 81 5-8c; No. 5, 65 1-2c; No. 6, 61 1-2c; feed, 56 1-2c; No. 1 seeds, 79 7-8c; No. 2 rejected seeds, 77 7-8c. Oats, No. 2 C.W., 34 1-4c; Barley, No. 3, 43 1-4c. Flax, No. 1 N.W.C., $1.16 1-4; No. 2 C.W., $1.14 1-4; No. 3 C.W., $1.01 1-4.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 2.—Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 82 to 83c. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 40 3-4c; do., No. 3, 39 1-2c. Barley—Man. feed, 46c; malting, 68 to 69c. Buckwheat—No. 2, 56 to 57c. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70. Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.50 to $4.60; straight rollers, bags, $2 to $2.10. Rolled oats, barrels, $4.60 to $4.50; bags, 90 lbs., $2.10 to $2.12 1-2. Bran, $20 to $21. Shorts, $22 to $23. Middlings, $25 to $26. Mouillie, $27 to $31. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $14 to $15. Cheese—Finest westerns, 13 1-2 to 13 5-8c; finest easterns, 13 to 13 1-4c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 28 to 28 1-2c; seconds, 27 1-2 to 27 3-4c. Eggs—Fresh, 55 to 60c; selected, 38c; No. 1 stock, 34c; No. 2 stock, 26c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 75 to 90c.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 2.—Wheat—December, 82 5-8 to 82 3-4c; May, 87 5-8 to 87 3-4c; No. 1 hard, 86 1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 84 1-4 to 85 3-4c; No. 2, do., 82 1-4 to 83 3-4c; No. 3 wheat, 80 1-4 to 81 3-4. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 64 to 68c. Oats—No. 3 white, 34 3-8 to 37c. Flour and bran—Unchanged.

Duluth, December 2.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 86 1-2c; No. 1 Northern, 85 1-2c; No. 2, do., 83 1-2 to 84c; Montana No. 2 hard, 84 3-4; December, 83 3-4c; May, 88 1-2c. Linseed—$1.39; December, $1.37; May, $1.42 3-4.

Live Stock Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 2.—Best cattle were held at 7 1-4c; medium, 5 1-2 to 7 1-2c; common, 3 1-4 to 5 1-4c; bulls, 3 1-2 to 4c; Texan canners, 3 to 3 1-2c; cows, $40 to $80. Sheep held for $12c; calves, 3 1-2 to 7c; sheep, 5c; lambs, 7 1-2 to 8c; hogs, 9 1-2c.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Cattle—Choice butchers, $8 to $8.50; good medium, $6.50 to $7.25; common, $5 to $5.50; fat cows, $4.25 to $6.25; common cows, $3.50 to $4; butchers' bulls, $3.75 to $6.50; canners, $3.50 to $4. Calves—Good veal, $8.75 to $10; common, $4.75 to $5.10. Stockers and feeders—Steers, 910 to 1,050 lbs., $6 to $6.50; good quality, 800 lbs., $6 to $6.25; light, Eastern, 400 to 650 lbs., $4.50 to $5.25; light, $3.50 to $4. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, $4.50 to $5.50; heavy, $3 to $3.50; bucks, $3 to $3.50; spring lambs, $8.50 to $8.90, but with 75c per head deducted for all the buck lambs. Hogs—$8.50 to $8.60 fed and watered, $8.85 off cars.

SERVED SEVEN YEARS.

Prisoners' Good Conduct Cancelled Five Years of Term.

A despatch from Kingston says: Mitchell brothers, colored, who have served seven years in the Provincial Penitentiary for robbery and attempted murder, have been deported to Chicago. These two men were sentenced at Windsor to twelve years' imprisonment for robbing a passenger on the Windsor ferry, and trying to throw him overboard. Their good conduct in prison secured for them a reduction of sentence.

DR. LABERGE RESIGNS.

Has Been Medical Health Officer of Montreal Twenty-seven Years.

A despatch from Montreal says: Dr. Louis Laberge, Medical Officer of Health of the city of Montreal, resigned on Saturday after having held the position for twenty-seven years. Dr. Laberge became widely known during the famous samllpox epidemic here.

PREMIER BORDEN RETURNS.

His Health Is Improved, But Not Yet Completely Restored.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Premier Borden and Mrs. Borden returned to Ottawa at noon on Sunday, after spending four weeks at Hot Springs, Virginia, where the Prime Minister went on medical advice to seek rest and renewed health. The holiday with daily golf and the course of treatment at the bathes have benefited him considerably.

FOR NEW YORK Y.M.C.A.

Huge Sum Raised in Campaign of Two Weeks' Duration.

A despatch from New York says: The campaign for a $4,000,000 fund for the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association, which has been in progress for the last fortnight, closed successfully on Wednesday night, when it was announced that a total of $4,061,500 had been reached.

HARBOR CONTRACT WORK.

Halifax Will Have One of the Best Ports in America.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Work designed to make Halifax one of the best equipped ports in America and more fully to utilize the magnificent possibilities of its harbor are provided for in a contract awarded at Thursday's Cabinet Council for the ocean section of the terminal scheme. The successful bidders are Foley Brothers, Welch, Stewart and Fauquier, and the contract figure is $5,208,743.

FRENCH AVIATORS BURNED.

Aeroplane Collided With Tree and Burst Into Flames.

A despatch from Epernay, France, says: Two military aviators were burned to death near this place on Wednesday, when the aeroplane in which they were flying dashed into a tree and burst into flames. The men were burned beyond recognition. The aeroplane met with the mishap when the aviators tried to make a landing about nine miles from this town. Before the few persons who saw the accident arrived on the scene the men were dead. Nothing was found to indicate who they were, but buttons on the charred remnants of their clothes show that they belonged to the military aviation corps.

CHILEAN BATTLESHIP.

Has a Displacement of 28,000 Tons and 37,000 Horse Power.

A despatch from Newcastle, England, says: The Chilean battleship Almirante Toore was launched on Thursday at the Elswick shipyards. Her displacement is 28,000 tons and her engines are expected to develop over 37,000 indicated horsepower. The contract calls for a speed of twenty-three knots. The main armament of the new vessel consists of ten 4-inch guns placed in pairs in turrets on the centre line and she carries an auxiliary battery of twenty-two 4.7-inch guns.

FOUR EMPLOYES ARRESTED.

Hudson's Bay Men Accused of Stealing Goods Worth $1,525.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Henry Watson, C. N. Storer, J. W. Bailey and Jas. Baber, employes of the Hudson's Bay Company, have been arrested, charged with the theft of $1,525 worth of goods. Three of the men pleaded guilty to stealing $1,025 worth of goods, and were remanded until Monday. The fourth man was remanded without pleading. More arrests are expected shortly on charges of receiving stolen goods.

POLICE AT WEDDINGS.

Owing to Frequency of Murders and Stabbings at Ceremonies.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Murders and stabbings have become so frequent at Galician weddings lately that the city has been forced to take action, and will send police to each ceremony hereafter, for which a permit will have to be issued.

No longer a fanatical sect, but earnest colonists, the whole body of Doukhobors in Western Canada will make an effort to throw off their clannish barbarism and become good Canadian citizens.

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Farm Topics!

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED GRAIN AND POTATOES.

By instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a distribution of superior sorts of grain and potatoes will be made during the coming winter and spring to Canadian farmers. The samples for general distribution will consist of spring wheat (5 lbs), white oats (4 lbs.), barley (5 lbs.), and field peas (5 lbs.). These will be sent out from Ottawa. A distribution of potatoes (in 3 lb. samples) will be carried on from several of the experimental farms, the Central Farm at Ottawa supplying only the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. All samples will be sent free, by mail.

Applicants must give particulars in regard to the soil on their farms, and some account of their experience with such kinds of grain (or potatoes) as they have grown, so that a promising sort for their conditions may be selected.

Each application must be separate and must be signed by the applicant. Only one sample of grain and one of potatoes can be sent to each farm. Applications on any kind of printed form cannot be accepted. If two or more samples are asked for in the same letter only one will be sent.

As the supply of seed is limited, farmers are advised to apply early; but the applications will not necessarily be filled in the exact order in which they are received. Preference will always be given to the most thoughtful and explicit requests. Applications received after the end of January will probably be too late.

All applications for grain (and applications from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec for potatoes) should be addressed to the Dominion Cerealist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Such applications require no postage. If otherwise addressed delay and disappointment may occur.

Applications, for potatoes, from farmers in any other province should be addressed (postage prepaid) to the superintendent of the nearest Branch Experimental Farm in that province.

J.H. Grisdale.

HOME BUTTERMAKING.

Market reports invariably auote creamery butter higher than dairy butter which is the designation given to that which is made on the farm. It is unfortunate that circumstances at times make it inpracticable for dairy farmers to patronize a creamery. When this can be done, not only are the profits, as a rule, increased, but much hard work is taken away from the overburned members of the family.

There is no good reason why butter made in the home dairy should not pe as fine as that made in a creamery where cream is produced under all manner of conditions has to be made up. All that is necessary is the carrying out of a well established system in feeding the cows, caring for the milk and cream and the churning and putting up of the butter. In order to teach the proper method of carrying out these various operations, there has been prepared, under the direction of the Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner at Ottawa a bulletin entitled "Buttermaking on the Farm," written by Mr. Geo. H. Barr, Chief of the Dairy Divisions.

This work, which may be secured free from the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, explains the common defects of dairy butter as well as the conditions that are necessary to produce fine flavoured cream. It then deals with churning washing, salting, working and packing butter, and considers the modern necessary utensils and their care, These are shown in clear illustrations.

This buletin, which is No. 17 of the Dairy and Cold Storage series, concludes with the following recomendations:- "Keep good cows' feed them Liberally, keep them comfortable and clean when in the stable, skim a rich cream and keep it cool, churn at a temperature that will give a flaky granule in the butter; use clean pure water for washing butter not more than three degrees colder or warmer than the buttermilk. Put the butter up in neat, clean' attractive packages, and keep everything in and about the dairy clean and attractive."

Stopping ground-fires in the forest by trenching can now be easily and quickly done by planting a long string of dynamite cartridges in advance of the fire, at intervals of two feet. When these are exploded simultaneously by means of an electric current, the result is a ditch four feet wide and two feet deep, which effectually stops the fire.

Good Progress on Roads.

The colonization road work of the Ontario Government drives on apace in all parts o' the province. Gangs numbering thousands of men in the aggregate, have been organized and the roads and highways in the newer sections show an activity unknown in past years in the spring season. The immense call of the work demands the appointment of hundreds of new overseers weekly, and that 1,100 in all will be required for the reason, thus making a new record for the department.

It is confidently hoped that the close of the year's endeavors will witness the completion of the Sault-Sudbury trunk line, which will prove of immense advantage to the settlers who are congregating in the agricultural districts in that vicinity in great numbers. This enterprise was undertaken by the Government in 1907, and has shown steady progress since, although the difficulties have been great.

By the time the summer traffic is at its height, the road will be open from Sudbury to Coniston, and from thence work will be pushed with the double shift of men. The whole road is two hundred miles in length. One of the difficulties at the present time to contend with is the swollen condition of the Spanish river which has attained a height almost unprecedented and interferes at points with the constructive work.

Educating Judges.

The Agricultural Department of the Ontario Government is working towards the organization of all judges at fall fair competitions in a uniform standard of competence. Towards this purpose a grant of $7,000 has this year been set aside in the promulgation of training schools for judging. Although no structures will be erected, gatherings have been arranged in different parts of Ontario where instruction will be given, and in this connection the expenses of all officials will be paid.

Co-operative Buying.

The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association is working out a plan for co-operative buying, and is also experimenting with the production of seeds in New Ontario.

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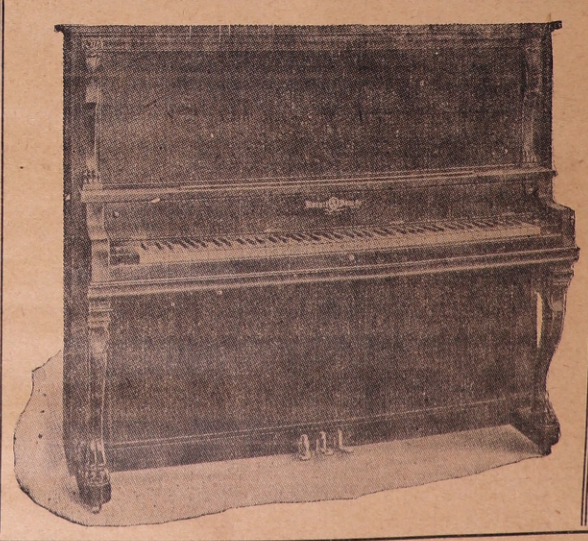

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The High Cost Of Meat.

What Tennyson Would Have Said.

Half a cent! Half a cent!
Half a cent, onward!
Up went the price of meat,
Also the price of lard.
Was there a chop displayed,
O, the high charge they made!
All the world wondered!
Not but the people thought
Someone had plundered;
Their's not to make reply,
Their's not to reason why,
Their's but to go and buy —
Twelve bucks per hundred!

We don't know much about Tennyson but this sounds like what Kipling might say:

When earth's last bullock is slaughtered
And the bones are twisted and dried
When the oldest sauce is forgotten
And the youngest butcher has died.
We shall rest, and faith we shall have to
Eat bread for an acron or two,
Till someone discoveres a substance
That will give us something to chew
And no one will eat blood pudding
And no one will down a chop,
And no hungry crowd will gather
Outside of a butcher shop:
But a vegetarian diet
In the meantime will have its sway,
And surely we all must try it,
You'd better begin to-day. X

Letter Of Condolence To Mr. Andrew Meiklejohn.

Dear Mr. Meiklejohn;

We, the officers and members of Menie Women,s Institute wish to convey to you in this, your hour of bereavement our most heartfelt sympathy, in the loss of a beloved wife and mother, and a faithful friend and co-worker.

Our loss, we realize is very great and one which can never be forgotten, for your devoted wife, sir, has left us a lesson for all time namely, to be in peace and harmony one with the other, always doing our little best and leaving the results to our Blessed Master, whom she loved so faithfully and so well.

We realize, at such a time as this we are often tempted to ask ourselves the question, why was this permitted? but He who loved us even to give His life for us loved her more than we and has taken her to the mansions He has prepared for her.

We know she shall not return to us but if we are faithful to her teachings we shall go to her.

What though a veil hangs between, shutting out the glory our mortal eyes could not see, we can still hear her voice for her works do live after her. She would not wish us to waste His precious moments in useless lamentations but rather, to do the will of Him who sent us. Words seem so ineffectual on such occasions as these, yet Jesus wept at the grave, and all we mortals can do is drop the sym pathizing tear, and commit you sir' and your son and daughters to His care, who is too wise to err, too just to be unkind.

Knowing that at the last day in the twinkling of an eye we shall all be changed, and stand before the Judge of all the earth to give an account of our stewardship here below.

Though the storm beaten waves may dash o'er thee,
Though the sea may be lashed into foam,
Sunny skies ever more lie before thee,
Where my soul some sweet day reaches home.
Tho' at times you may shed tears of sorrow
Thoughts of home, will not let you despair'
For thy tear will be dried on the morrow
When my soul reaches home over there.
There thy Saviour is waiting to greet thee
In that bright sunny land in the sky
Long lost friends all will hasten to meet thee,
When thy soul reaches home over there.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Institute.
Menie Nov. 29 1913.
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DOES IT MATTER?

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An interesting and well illustrated account of Hunting the Hair Seal in Newfoundland Waters is given as the opening article in the December issue of Rod and Gun which has recently come to this office from the publishers W. J. Taylor. Limited, Woodstock, Ont. Other articles worthy of special mention are "A Lonely Fur Factor,' descriptive of a day at Wakeham Bay on the Labrador coast; An article on the Abuse of Moose Hunting by the Swampy Cree Indian; and a host of other articles in keeping with this representative magazine of out door life.

The ghostly glimmering of poplar chips and stumps, frequently observed in Canadian forests at night, is due to a fungus known as the 'shoe-string' fungus, which is commonly found on large-sized poplars throughout Canada It causes a yellowish white rot which detracts much from the value of this wood. The presence of this fungus is externally indicated by the mushroom-like fruiting bodies which cluster around the base of the tree. Infected trees should, when possible, be cut down and used for fire-wood.

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Gum chewing appears to be a general habit nowadays and it must take many gum chewers to use up what is manufactured. More than 30,000,000 sticks of gum is the annual output of the existing factories. All this stuff is made of chicle, which comes from a gum tree in the tropics. The chicle business has become a big industry in the republic to the south. The gum tree is tapped very much the same as the rubber tree.

Spanish explorers found the Indians of this hemisphere chewing gum to quench their thirst away back in the 15th century, and they reported that it relieved exhaustion; but it was 1876 before gum chewing became a habit among the nations.

Prior to 1888 chicle sold from seven to nine cents a pound. Now it is selling for $2 a pound. The chicle tree is indigenous to northern South American countries, Central America, and the Mexican states of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas, Vere Cruz, Oaxaca, Pueblo, Jalisco and San Luis Potosi.

Experiments have shown that trees planted at a distance of 10 feet apart, or 400 to the acre, will yield from five to six pounds of chicle gum when from 8 to 10 years old. In their wild state the trees are usually found in groups, frequently growing to a height of from 40 to 50 feet.

The wood is of a reddish color, closely resembling mahogany, is quite hard, heavy, compact in texture, and fine grained. Prehistoric door frames and rafters of this wood are found among the Mexican ruins, and are still in excellent state of preservation. This wood is to-day greatly in demand by cabinetmakers, who employ it in the manufacture of high grade furniture and household fittings. It is called sapota.

For many years the sapodilla pear, which also comes from the sapota tree, was a popular variety of fruit among the natives, but now on account of the great demand for chicle gum and the attractive rewards offered the fruit is seldom marketed.

The operation of gathering chicle and preparing it for market is similar to that employed in the maple sugar industry in Canada. Throughout the rainy season, and while the sap is up, the tapping is done. The outfit consists of nothing more than a piece of rope and a machete. By means of this rope, which is fastened about the waist and slipped around the tree, the gatherer is enabled to hold any desired position and wield the machette in cutting the incisions.

In some instances trees have been tapped for 25 years, where great care has been taken, although after that time they produced only from one-half pound to two pounds of the sap. However, if allowed to remain untapped for a period of five or six years they will then produce from three to five pounds of gum.

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A despatch from Brussels says: A daring robbery occurred on Tuesday night on the railway between Brussels and Verviers, the thieves escaping with £17,500 in Bank notes sent by the National Bank of Egypt to the Oppenheim Bank, Cologne, by the train leaving Brussels at 7.28. The money was packed with all the precautions ordinarily taken in such cases and placed in the mail van at the Gare du Nord in Brussels. Next to the portion containing the mails and backing on to the ends of the special pigeonholes is a compartment for dogs, which is very seldom used. An examination of the latter compartment showed four holes bored through the dividing partition. A piece of wood was removed, leaving a hole large enough to admit a man's arm.

The German Imperial Chancellor Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, and the Minister of War, Gen. von Falkenhayn, told the Reichstag that the Government upholds the action of the German troops in Alsace in defending themselves from the Francophile populace.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Manitoba wheat—Lake ports, new wheat, November shipment, No. 1 northern, 93c; No. 2, 91 1-4c; feed wheat, 66c to 70c, according to sample.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 new, 82c to 83c, outside, 86c to 87c, track, Toronto.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 white, 35c to 34c, outside, and 37c to 37 1-2c, on track, Toronto.

Corn—American, new, No. 3 yellow, all rail, Chicago, December shipment, Toronto freight, 76c; kiln dried, 80c; No. 2 yellow, 78 1-2c c.i.f., bay ports.

Peas—No. 2, 98c to $1.02, car lots, outside, nominal.

Rye—No. 2, 66c to 68c.

Rolled oats—Per bag of 90 pounds, $2.12 1-2; $2.22 1-2 in smaller lots; per barrel, $4.70, wholesale, Windsor to Montreal.

Barley—Good malting barley, outside, 55c to 57c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 66c to 68c in car lots, outside.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $21, track, Toronto; shorts, $23 to $23.50; Ontario bran, $21 to $21.50 in bags; shorts, $23; middlings, $25 to $26.

Manitoba flour—First patents, $5.30 in jute bags; strong bakers', $4.60 in jute bags; in cotton bags ten cents more per barrel.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent. patents, new, is offered at $3.40 to $3.45, seaboard in bulk; $3.25 to $3.40, Toronto.

Country Produce.

Eggs—New-laids, 47c to 50c; storage, selects, 36c to 37c; country selects, 38c to 40c; storage, 34c to 35c.

Cheese—New large, 14 3-4c; twins, 15 1-2c to 15 3-4c.

Butter—Creamery, prints, fresh made, 30c to 31c; do., solids, fresh made, 26c to 28c; do., prints, storage, 27c to 28c; do., solids, storage, 26c to 27c; farmers' separator prints, 24c to 26c; dairy prints, 22c to 24c; bakers', 20c to 21c.

Honey—Buckwheat, 7 1-2c a pound in tins and 7c in barrels; strained clover honey, 11c to 11 1-2c a pound in 60-pound tins; 12c in 10-pound tins; 12 1-2c in 5-pound tins; comb honey, No. 1, $3 per dozen; extra, $3.25 per dozen; No. 2, $2.40 per dozen.

Beans—Primes, bushel, $2 to $2.20; hand-picked, $2.10 to $2.30.

Poultry—Dressed fowl, 10c to 14c per pound; alive, 10c to 11c; dressed spring chickens, 15c to 18c; alive, 11c to 14c; geese, dressed, 11c to 13c; alive, 10c to 12c; turkeys, No. 1 dressed, 18c to 21c; alive, 13c to 15c.

Potatoes—Canadian, $1.05 to $1.10 per bag, out of store; 95c in car lots.

Provisions.

Pork—Short cut, $28.50 to $29 per barrel. Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Rolls—Smoked, 15 1-2c to 16c; hams, medium, 19 1-2c to 20c; heavy, 19c to 19 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 19c to 20c; long clear bacon, tons and cases, 16c; backs (plain), 23c; backs (special), 24c.

Green meats—Out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 13 3-4c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14 1-4c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Local merchants are buying on track, Toronto, at the following prices:—Baled hay, choice No. 1, $14.50 to $15; extra No. 2, $13.50 to $14; No. 2, $11 to $12; No. 3, $8 to $9; baled straw, $8.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Cash:—Wheat—No. 1 northern, 85c; No. 2 northern, 81c; No. 3 northern, 78 1-4c; No. 1 rejected seeds, 76 3-4c; No. 2 rejected seeds, 74 3-4c; No. 1 smutty, 76 3-4c; No. 2 smutty, 74 3-4c; No. 1 red winter, 82 3-4c; No. 2 red winter, 79 3-4c; No. 3 red winter, 78 1-4c. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 33 3-4c; No. 3 C.W., 31 3-4c; No. 1 feed, 32c; No. 2 feed, 28 1-2c. Barley—No. 3, 42 3-4c; No. 4, 40 1-2c; rejected, 37 1-2c; feed, 37c. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $1.17 1-2; No. 2, C.W., $1.15.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 83c to 84c. Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 40 1-2c to 41c; extra No. 1 feed, 40c. Barley, Manitoba feed, 48c to 50c; do. malting, 65c to 67c. Buckheat, No. 2, 56c to 57c. Flour, Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; do., seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70; winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.50 to $4.60; straight rollers, in bags, $2 to $2.10. Rolled oats, barrels, $4.40 to $4.50; do., bags of 90 lbs., $2.10 to $2.12 1-2. Bran, $20 to $21; shorts, $22 to $23; middlings, $25 to $26; mouillie, $27 to $31. Hay, No. 2, per ton car lots, $14 to $15. Cheese, finest westerns, 13 1-2c to 15 5-8c; finest easterns, 13c to 13 1-4c. Butter, choicest creamery, 28c to 28 1-2c; do., seconds, 27 1-2c to 27 3-4c. Eggs, fresh, 55c to 60c; do., selected, 38c; No. 1 stock, 34c; No. 2 stock, 26c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 75c to 90c.

United States Markets.

Duluth, Dec. 9.—Close—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 86 1-8c; No. 1 northern, 85 1-8c; No. 2 northern, 83 1-8c to 83 5-8c; Montana, No. 2 hard, 84 5-8c; December, 83 5-8c; May, 87 5-8c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 9.—Wheat—December, 82 7-8c to 83c; May, 87 1-8c; cash, No. 1 hard, 86 3-8c to 86 5-8c; No. 1 northern, 84 3-8c to 85c; No. 2 northern, 82 3-8c to 83 7-8c; No. 3 white, 80 5-8c to 81 7-8c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 63 1-2c to 65c. Oats—No. 3 white, 37c to 37 1-4c. Flour and bran—Unchanged.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Cattle—Choice butchers, $8 to $8.50; good medium, $6.50 to $7.25; common, $5 to $5.50; fat cows, $4.50 to $6.25; common cows, $3.50 to $4; butchers' bulls, $3.75 to $6.50; canners and cutters, $3.50 to $3.85. Calves—Good veal, $8.75 to $10; common, $4.75 to $8.10. Stockers and feeders—Steers, $10 to 1,050 lbs., $6 to $6.75; good quality, 800 lbs., $6 to $6.25; light Eastern, 400 to 650 lbs., $4.30 to $5.25; light, $3.50 to $4. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, $4.50 to $5.60; heavy, $3 to $3.50; bucks, $3 to $3.50; spring lambs, $8.50 to $8.70, but with 75c per head deducted for all the buck lambs. Hogs—$8.40 to $8.45 fed and watered, $8.70 off cars, $8.10 f.o.b.

CANADA'S RECORD EXHIBIT

The Dominion Building at Panama Fair Will Have 65,000 Feet of Space

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Canadian exhibit at the Panama Pacific Exposition is now on its way from Ghent, Belgium, part of it going around the Horn and the rest across the Isthmus by the Tehuantepec Railway to its destination at San Francisco. Exhibition Commissioner Hutchinson, who is here conferring with the Minister of Agriculture, will leave shortly for San Francisco to superintend the construction of the Canadian building. It will cover an area of 65,000 square feet, and will house the most extensive exhibit ever made by Canada at a world's fair.

The primary object of course is to stimulate immigration to Canada by advertising particularly its wheat fields and other resources. The exhibit will comprise grain, lumber, minerals, fish, fruit and agricultural produce. It will be wholly under Dominion supervision, the provinces not making separate displays, as has been done in some instances. Particular attention will be paid to transportation, and the railways will be assigned much space in the Canadian building.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

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Canada.

Kingston Retail Merchants' Association will ask the city to abolish market tolls.

Berlin is to have a Juvenile Court, E. P. Clement, K. C., consenting to act as commissioner.

Nelson, B. C., police commissioners have decided to close all cigar stores on Sunday afternoons.

Oxford County Council has endorsed the union prison farm scheme, and will name a commission.

Boys arrested in Berlin confessed to robberies, to which they said they were led by reading five-cent novels.

James Pierce, arrested for begging from farmers around Guelph, was found to have $900 in his clothes.

A gruelling thirty-two-mile race was run by two horses from Montreal to Terrebonne and return. The drivers were arrested.

Galvin Robinson, engineer on the Reid tug Diver, went insane while the boat was towing an oil barge up the River St. Clair.

A new transcontinental railway project is that of the All-Red Line Railway, backed by British capitalists, to be built from Cape St. Charles to Dean's Channel.

The Dominion Wreck Commissioner censures Captain Paddington, of the Turret Chief, for error of judgment and negligence as contributing to the wreck of the Turret Chief in the big storm.

A Quebec dentist was awarded $10 damages against the C.N.R. because he was put off a train when he refused to give up his first-class ticket until provided with a seat. The judge upheld his refusal.

At the suggestion of the Superintendent of water powers, the Minister of the Interior has placed under reservation all vacant Dominion land in the West that may be valuable for the development of water power.

The C. P. R. have taken out the biggest insurance policy, the amount being for upwards of $100,000,000. Five big insurance syndicates, among them the largest company of the kind in the British Empire, are interested in the deal.

A 4,000 mile walk, which was begun in August last, was completed at the City Hall, Winnipeg, when W. C. Browne, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, arrived from Providence, R. I. Browne averaged 42 miles a day since starting and wins a wager of $3,000, made in England.

The Agricultural Council of Canada, which consists of the Grange of Ontario, the Grain Growers' Association of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the United Farmers of Alberta, will send a delegation to Ottawa on December 16 to ask Premier Borden to remove the duty on wheat and agricultural implements, and to increase the British preference.

Great Britain.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was arrested off Plymouth harbor and later placed in prison at Exeter.

Suffragettes made an attempt to drain off the canal between Failsowrth, Lancashire, and Marple, Cheshire, by cutting a channel from the canal to the River Goyt at Romley.

"We will make the cabinet ministers shake in their shoes until they are afraid for their very lives," said Sylvia Pankhurst at a suffragette meeting in Cannington. All that is required is courage.

United States.

The United States Peace Committee completed its plans for the celebration of the peace centenary.

A high New York police official will be indicted next week, it is expected, by District Attorney Whitman, as the result of the stories of witnesses in his investigation of alleged wire-tapping and fortune telling graft by the police.

The growth of cities in America is causing the inhabitants to live like ants, declared George E. Hooker, civic secretary of the Chicago City Club, at the third annual session of the National Conference on Housing at Cincinnati. He advocated the garden city movement.

General.

Federal refugees from Chihuahua city in flight toward the United States, are reported to be in a desperate state.

By a crushing majority the German Parliament passed a vote of lack of confidence in the Imperial Chancellor over the Alsatian affair.

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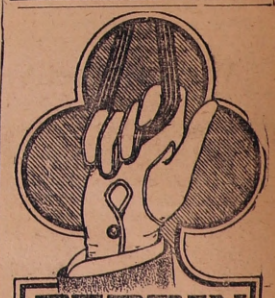

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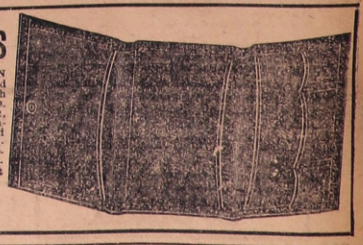

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A Dark Shadow;

Or, A Coming Vengeance

CHAPTER XXI.—(Continued).

She found some letters and a telegram, which required immediate attention, keeping him; and when he returned to Grosvenor Square the phaeton was at the door; but he found Lady Edith in the drawing-room looking downcast and disappointed.

"Father has just sent to say that he has been detained by important business—politics, of course! We eat and drink and sleep politics—he suggests that we should go by train later. But it isn't at all the thing we planned, is it? Who wants to go in a stuffy train? I want to drive behind the new geese."

Her disappointment was evidently so keen that Clive said, almost unthinkingly:

"Why shouldn't I drive you down, and Lord Chesterleigh join us by train?"

"Why, how clever of you!" she cried, her face lighting up. "That will be splendid! We shan't lose our drive after all. I'll write a note to father."

She stopped, and the color rose to her face; for she had suddenly remembered that it was scarcely the conventional thing for her to be driving about the country alone with Clive. And yet how delightful it would be! After all, they could take the groom, which they had not intended doing. And even if it were a sin against Society's unwritten code, would it not be worth while to commit it?

"Yes; I'll write to father!"

"The nearest station is called Perry," remarked Clive, who had been looking at the Bradshaw, and had not noticed her hesitation and her blush.

She scribbled a note, and placed it on the table which her father used for writing; and they went out to the carriage. It was, as she had said, a splendacious phaeton, and the cobs were all that could be desired. She was in good spirits when Clive and she started; they rose still higher as they left London behind and drove through the lanes, softly glowing in their spring green. Clive was glad to get away from London and the eternal round of work; and he felt happier, at any rate more at peace, than he had been since the fatal day Mina had cast him off; indeed, it would have been rather difficult to be unhappy in such perfect weather, and with so beautiful and bright a companion.

They halted half-way, to rest the horses and get some tea for themselves, and, in defiance of conventionality, they drank it at the table outside the rustic inn. When they started again, she asked Clive to let her drive.

"Do you think you can manage them?" he said. "They are young and fresh still."

"Oh, yes," she replied. "Besides, I can't come to any harm while you are sitting beside me."

He told the groom to take up a link in the curb, and he sat and watched her closely as she drove, and with a certain admiration; for she managed the high-felled horses very well. After a while Clive turned to the groom to ask if they had got the horses too tightly curbed; the man touched his hat, and bent forward as if he did not hear the question; and Lady Edith said in an undertone:

"You must speak a little louder; William is rather deaf at times, and this is one of his bad days. He is much older than he looks," she remarked, after Clive had repeated the question and had received a satisfactory reply; "but nearly all our servants are old; we scarcely ever discharge them for anything short of murder; and I think that some of them are really attached to us."

"Your old ayah, Sara, for instance," said Clive; "she seems very devoted."

Lady Edith nodded and laughed. "Oh, she is quite silly," she said. "I mean in this devotion of hers. She would let any of us jump on her. She belongs to a very hot and passionate race, and is unswerving in her love and hate. Sometimes she reminds me of one of the cats, the big wild cats in her own jungles; softly purring one moment, all claws and fury the next. By the way, you are a great favorite of hers; I hope you feel flattered." She laughed as she glanced at him.

"I do," said Clive; "but I am rather surprised. I thought she regarded me somewhat unfavorably."

"Oh, that was some time ago, perhaps, when she first knew you; they always regard one with a certain amount of suspicion; it is their nature to, as Dr. Watts says."

"Well, I'm glad I'm in her good books now, at any rate," said Clive. "What a pretty bit of country we are going through."

"Isn't it lovely!" she responded. "I don't know when I have seen anything so beautiful, or when I have enjoyed anything so much as this drive. What nonsense it is to say that there is no happiness in this world."

She turned her face to him; it was radiant; her eyes, blue as the sky, shone with the happiness of which she had spoken, her delicately-cut lips were half-parted with a smile of unalloyed pleasure.

Clive checked a sigh. "I am glad," he said.

They reached Palmer's Green, and their arrival created no little stir at the tiny, out-of-the-way inn. It was a charming little place, half-covered by ivy and alight with spring flowers. The parlor was scrupulously clean, and, for a wonder, had an odor of lavender instead of damp.

Clive found that chops were above the capacity of the house; but they ordered ham and eggs and a high tea. The landlady, quite one of the worthy old type, took Lady Edith upstairs; but bustled back to Clive to assure him that she would make them as comfortable as she possibly could.

"Perhaps you and your good lady won'd like to go and see the church while the meal's being prepared, sir," she said. It's considered to be a very fine old building, and there's some rare ancient monuments and carving."

Clive looked up sharply at the "your good lady," and was about to correct the woman; but he checked himself; it was scarcely worth while to take any notice of the mistake. He proposed the church to Lady Edith when she came down; she assented promptly; and they strolled to it. It really was a fine old church; and they got the key from the sexton's cottage, and examined the monuments, the carved oak, and the brasses. There was a sugestion of intimacy in the way they sauntered about alone together, of which Clive was vaguely conscious, and which Lady Edith keenly felt: certainly her happiness was not yet waning.

"I wonder whether Lord Chesterleigh will be here in time for tea?" he said.

"I don't know," replied Lady Edith easily. "He may not come until it is just time to start for home. It will be bright moonlight to-night, and he will enjoy the drive. I know I shall."

They wandered about the lanes for half an hour, sometimes silent, sometimes talking in the leisurely, rambling way born of the occasion and their surroundings; then they got hungry, and made their way back to the inn to find a nondescript but enticing meal awaiting them. Lady Edith enjoyed it immensely, and declared that she would often have just such a meal at Grosvenor Square.

"But I am afraid it would be different there," she said with a little sigh.

She presided over the tea at one end of the table, and Clive sat behind the ham and eggs at the other; and they certainly looked so very much like a recently married couple that there was some excuse for the landlady, who waited, beaming on them benevolently, after the manner of her kind all the world over when they are regarding a bride and bridegroom.

"I really cannot eat any more," Lady Edith declared with a laugh, as she refused a further supply from the huge dish. "I have enjoyed it so much."

"They have certainly done us very well," admitted Clive. "I'll go and look at the horses."

"That means that you want to smoke," said Lady Edith, smiling up at him. "Pray do so here, when you come back, if you want to. I like it."

Clive found the horses all right, and talked them over with the aged William.

"You don't know how far it is from the station, I suppose?" he asked. "Lord Chesterleigh is coming down by train."

William touched his hat, and replied in the negative, and Clive, as he sauntered off, said:

"You can loosen those curbs going back."

"At once, sir?" asked William.

"Eh? Oh, yes, if you like," said Clive absently.

Meanwhile, Lady Edith had wandered into the old-fashioned garden.

"What beautiful flowers you have," she said to the landlady. "I did not know that there were so many blooming so early in the year."

"It's my son's hobby, ma'am," said the landlady beamingly. "I hope you'll please to pick any that takes your fancy, and make a bowkay for your good gentleman."

Lady Edith's face flamed, and, like Clive, she was about to correct the woman, but she too checked herself, thinking, as he had thought, that it did not matter. But the simple words rang in her ears, and made her heart beat quickly, and she stooped over some fragrant stocks to hide her blushing face. Clive found her picking the flowers.

"I've full permission," she said. "Are'nt they lovely! Smell!" She held the bunch to his face with a novel air of abandonment, of simple gaiety which would have charmed any man. "You shall have one for your coat. What shall it be—a pink?"

She selected one, and he fumbled with it at his buttonhole; but men are notoriously clumsy in such matters, and she, with a little gesture of impatience and womanly scorn at his efforts, put it in its place, found a pin, and fixed it. She was necessarily very close to him, and, as he looked down at her—he had not to look far, for she was tall—he could not fail to notice the loveliness of the upturned face in its frame of golden hair, blown a little loose by the soft breeze. She glanced up to scan her work, and met his gaze; her eyes fell suddenly, a faint blush rose to her face, and she turned her head away.

Clive was only human, and, like most men who are worth anything at all, admired beauty of any kind. If there had been no Mina he would have been attired to the depths by the proximity of this extremely beautiful woman; even as it was, he was not insensible to her charms. He moved uneasily.

"Shall we walk towards the station on the chance of meeting Lord Chesterleigh?" he said.

Lady Edith stifled a sigh, but of course assented promptly. Having received minute instructions as to the way, they started; and, of course, lost it. However, they reached the station at last, and, inquiring when the next London train came in, were informed by an aged porter that it was due in about an hour's time. Clive tipped him, and, describing Lord Chesterleigh, told the porter to direct the gentleman answering that description to the inn.

They went back slowly; the moon had risen from a low bank of clouds, and the pretty, "gentle" country seemed lapped in peace; it was a night for lovers, and the music of a thrush singing softly in an elm was echoed by Lady Edith's heart. If only these wonderful, happy hours could last! If she could hold the assurance that they too should spend many such hours together alone! She glanced at him now and again; but though Clive was too well mannered to be absent or preoccupied, she had a painful sense that his feelings were not in harmony with hers: if they were, how could he refrain from speaking the words of love for which her soul thirsted?

The night grew slightly chilly; the landlady, with kindly forethought, had lit a fire, and the young people, not cold, the blaze, reflected in the old panelling, made the room cheerful. Lady Edith drew a low chair up to the fire, and leant forward with her hands clasped round her knees, making a very graceful picture; it was as if rank and fashion were playing at country simplicity; she appeared in a new character that night, thought Clive as he leant against the mantelshelf above her, and smoked a cigarette. Her voice, when she spoke—there were long intervals of silence, broken only by the spluttering and the crackling of the fire of great logs—was soft and low and almost dreamy.

Consciously or unconsciously, she was exerting the influence of sex; and consciously or unconsciously, Clive was being drawn under its spell. A clock struck the hour; he started, and looked at his watch.

"Lord Chesterleigh ought to have been here half an hour ago," he said. "How the time flies!"

"Father is not coming," she said, with anything but poignant regret. "I suppose we ought to be starting?"

Clive knew that if Lord Chesterleigh were not coming, they ought not to be just starting, but ought to have done so some hours ago; indeed, ought not to have come at all; but he nodded cheerfully, and went out to tell William to put the horses to, and to help him if necessary. The horses were not in the stable, the carriage was not in the yard, and William was not to be seen, and did not come when Clive called him; but the landlady came to the back door, and regarded Clive with some surprise.

"Were you calling for your man, sir?" she inquired. "He's gone."

"Gone! Gone where?" asked Clive.

"Gone back to London, sir," she replied. "He started back a long while ago." She saw by Clive's face that something was amiss, though he instantly suppressed any show of surprise. "I gave him his tea early, because he said that you were going back by train, and that he was to take the horses back to London at once."

"Ah, yes," said Clive casually. "When is the next train, by the way?"

"I'll ask, sir," she said. "The porter is in the taproom."

Clive returned to the parlor with a smile which he trusted would not appear false to Lady Edith.

"Your man misunderstood something that I said, and has driven back to London; we shall have to return by train," he said in a matter-of-fact tone, "I'm very sorry."

Lady Edith laughed. She would have preferred the drive home alone with him; but they might be alone in the railway carriage—and the laugh was still on her lips when the landlady came in, dropped a curtsey, and said:

"The last train has gone, sir; it went more than half an hour ago."

CHAPTER XXII.

The laugh died from Lady Edith's lips, and she stared with dilated eyes at the woman; for suddenly, in a flash, she realized the situation. The landlady looked from one to the other with commiseration.

"I'm very sorry, sir," she murmured. "If so be as you'd like to stay, I'd do my best to make you comfortable."

The blood burnt in Lady Edith's face; then it died away, as pale to the lips, she rose to her feet. Clive was pale, too, and he said instantly, almost sternly:

"We must return to London, and tonight, at once. Will you please get us a carriage, a fly, anything?"

The landlady began to see her mistake, and nervously stammered an apology. Clive cut her short.

"Yes, yes! No matter! The carriage, the fly."

The woman almost broke down. "There isn't such a thing in the place, sir, she said. "We've no horse or carriage of any kind; there's nothing but a rough pony and cart, not fit——"

"Where can I get one?" Clive asked. "Pray do not be alarmed. It was not your fault—it was mine, all mine. What is the nearest place?"

"You might get a fly at Hansford; that's nigh upon three miles, if you go across the fields, sir. I'll send my boy to see if he can get one; but I'm not at all sure that he will. Oh, dear, dear! If I'd only known."

"I will go," said Clive; "the boy can show me the way."

He closed the door on the woman and forced a smile.

"What an awkward fix!" he said. "But I shall be sure to get some kind of carriage. Please don't be distressed."

"I am not," she said in a low voice. "But—but it is very late already; by the time you have got the fly and we have reached London, it will be——" She stopped and bit her lip.

"I know," he said soothingly; "but I will explain to Lord Chesterleigh."

"My father?" she said, looking beyond him with a growing fear in her eyes. "He will understand; but the servants—the other people?"

Clive's heart smote him, and he felt as if he could knock his head against the wall. And the worst of it was that he could find nothing to say that would set her fears at rest, nothing that would not be too hopelessly banal. He took up his hat as he heard the landlady's step in the passage.

"I do hope you will not be more distressed than you can help," he said. "I shall never forgive myself for my carelessness.—I will be back as quickly as I can; please don't fret about it.

He took a step or two towards her; she had sunk into the chair again, and with hands tightly clasped in her lap was staring anxiously at the fire. No man with a heart in his bosom could refrain from pitying her. She seemed to Clive like a child, to be soothed, reassured. His hand went to her shoulder; but it fell to his side again before he touched her, and without another word, he left the room quickly.

He and the boy reached Hansford, to find a small village wrapped in peaceful slumber. With some difficulty Clive succeeded in waking up the landlord of the inn and obtaining a ramshackle fly—it was, in fact, a vehicle which only resembled the ordinary fly in its antiquity and mustiness—and with still greater difficulty obtained a driver, with whom Clive and the boy returned to Palmer's Green.

Lady Edith was already dressed for the journey. She was calm but very pale, and, after a swift glance at Clive, her eyes avoided his. He borrowed some wraps and a rug from the landlady, and made Lady Edith as comfortable as he could in the vehicle. At the last moment he got a glass of hot milk, and insisted upon her drinking it. He wondered whether she would prefer that he should ride on the box; but, unable to decide, he took his seat beside her.

The night was as lovely as the day had been; and, under other circumstances, the drive would have been enjoyable enough. As it was, Clive saw that it was incumbent upon him to render it as little miserable as poesible; and he tried to talk to her to divert her from dwelling on the embarrassing situation; and after a time her face lost its pallor and grew brighter; the fact was she could not be unhappy while she was by his side and so near, so very near, to him.

She said very little, but nestled amidst her wraps, her eyes glancing at him now and again, and at times closing as if she were asleep; but she was not sleeping; she was asking herself what he would do when they reached town. Would he—was it possible that a still greater happiness than that she was feeling might be born of this contretemps?

Clive was also asking himself, during the intervals in which she seemed to be sleeping, what course he should take. Had his carelessness compromised her? so, his course was plain, his duty obvious. A vague doubt that was almost a dread assailed him; and yet with the doubt was mingled an intense pity for the woman he had placed in such an awkward predicament, whose good name he had so unwittingly imperilled.

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Frieda Schoberg told those who were inquisitive enough to inquire that she had been employed by several prominent families to give lessons in German to the children of Southend. These lessons, she declared, were to be given in their own homes.

A governess, thus employed, finds occasion to go out a great deal, and in the course of reasonable time Frieda Schoberg found it necessary to take frequent journeys to Shoeburyness, where the English government maintained a school of instruction for naval officers and where naval experiments were carried on. Here Frieda formed the acquaintance of a young naval officer, who seemed to take keen interest in the governess. At Southend, in order to avert suspicion, Frieda Schoberg subtly let it be known that she and the officer were soon to be wed.

The governess's visits to Shoeburyness became marked by their frequency. She was a beautiful woman, brilliant, talented, refined. She took more than a casual interest in guns and naval affairs generally, and this unusual interest is thought to have proved her undoing.

The English officer, on the point of losing his heart to the captivating governess,

Pulled Himself Together.

This woman's interest in affairs in and about Shoeburyness were of a character to arouse his suspicion. He withheld his proposal, but became more attentive.

One afternoon while he was driving with the governess, Frieda Schoberg brought up the mutually interesting subject of naval warfare. She intimated, as only a daring adventuress can, that in exchange for certain plans of fortifications and kindred things a sum of money that would make the young officer independently wealthy was at his command. The officer immediately reported the attempted bribery to his superior officer.

Frieda Schoberg, believing the gallant officer to be deeply in love with her, for a few days thereafter continued in her role as governess. Early one morning she was requested to appear before the commanding officer at Shoeburyness. Undaunted, she went to him. What the commanding officer said to her never will be known, but Frieda Schoberg hastened back to her humble vineclad cottage convinced that Southend and Shoeburyness were unhealthy places in which to spend one's life. Frieda Schoberg disappeared, later reporting her unlucky attempt to the government in whose employ she daily risked her all on the single throw of the dice.

This is but one instance in the life of the military and naval spies of foreign countries. There are hundreds of them, all wonderfully beautiful and attractive, who follow this vocation. They are to be found in all parts of Europe, living as peasants, waitresses, social leaders. Beauty, vivaciousness, culture are their principal assets. Without these qualities they cannot hope to win the confidence and affection of the men who best can furnish the in formation they seek.

Have Unlimited Funds.

They must ascertain, under whatever pretext they choose, information concerning the military and naval secrets of the great nations. That is what they are paid for and what they risk their lives for. Minute details of the armaments, fortifications, forces and defences of the countries they invade must be sent to the government that pays their wages.

The women spies of the European nations are supplied with almost unlimited funds. They may practice their art wherever they will, so long as they do so without involving the country in whose service they have enrolled.

A few weeks ago George Herbert Parrott, then a gunner in the English navy, was adjudged guilty of communicating naval secrets to a foreign power. Parrott, it is conceded, was the victim of a woman spy, who is said to have been Margaret Tyrrell. He met her in a music hall and immediately became one of her most ardent admirers. Parrott was sentenced to four years' penal servitude. In imposing the sentence Judge Darling addressed Parrott:

"I have little doubt," he declared, that you were entrapped by a woman who was nothing but the agent of some foreign person engaged in this traffic, and that you were ingeniously entrapped and fell. Because I think that, I may show some sort of leniency, but it cannot be light—the crime is too great."

Many women were employed as spies by England during the South African war. They were in the field hospitals as nurses, and it was while acting in this capacity that they exercised their subtle charms and fascinations over many of the wounded Boers, thus obtaining military secrets which the British could have procured in no other way.

A Young Russian Woman.

Rose Patrovitch, employed as a spy by the Russians during the Russo-Japanese war, was one of the most daring of these adventuresses of modern times. She is said to have been a member of one of Russia's most distinguished families. At Manchoria she met a young Japanese officer, who at once became her devoted slave. Tall, graceful, ravishingly beautiful, she was a woman who would gladden the life of any man.

Rose Patrovitch desired, above all things, certain details and plans regarding the guns and movements of the Japanese army and navy. The officer, maddened by her beauty and infatuated with the prospect of becoming her husband in the event he played into her hands, threw discretion, loyalty and patriotism to the winds and agreed to furnish the information she sought.

A fellow officer, however, in some mysterious way, had learned of the plans of Rose Patrovitch and her Japanese lover. He called the matter to the attention of his superior officer. The superior officer, on investigation, found that his country was about to be betrayed. The following morning Rose Patrovitch and her suitor disappeared. Apparently, they met with a merciless fate, for they have never since been seen or heard of.

Jeanne Renee, alias Bourg, was an opium slave. Despite her dissipation, she remained unusually beautiful. It was while in an opium den at Toulon that she met Adrian Julien, a naval mechanic employed in the workshops of the French navy. Julien promptly lost his heart to the fair adventuress. Working on his sympathy aand his devotion, Jeanne Renee sought to induce the young mechanic to reveal to her secrets regarding some of the French submarines. Julien forgot his love for the young woman and reported the attempted bribery to his superior. The beautiful spy was arrested, and to-day languishes in a French prison, the victim of her own greed for affluence and power.

Never Heard of Again.

Posing as a teacher of languages, Marie Peterson, suspected of being a French spy, was arrested in Kiel, Germany, some time ago. Coming to Kiel, the woman cast the spell of her beauty over Emil Dietrich, a non-commissioned officer connected with the German explosives department. Dietrich was madly in love with her, and after she had attained complete ascendency over her victim she requested that he reveal to her the situation of port mines and the formula employed by the German army in the manufacture of smokeless powder. Dietrich, fearing he would lose her, furnished her with partial information, but before he could disclose all the closely guarded processes the authorities intervened and brought the love affair to a speedy close.

Marie Peterson practically betrayed her own secret to the German secret police. Supposed to be teaching languages, she always had a well-filled purse and spent money lavishly on fashionable clothing, jewels and entertainment. She was arrested, never again to be heard of.

La Belle Lison was a notorious French beauty. Lieutenant Ulimo, a young French officer, fell under the fascinations of her rare charms. He found her tastes extravagant and his means were not sufficient for their gratification. She suggested to him that he might replenish his purse by selling some of his country's secrets to a foreign power. He at first scoffed at the idea, but when she threatened to leave him he capitulated. Before he could do any great harm his treachery was discovered. His trial was a matter of form. The woman who had ruined him was the principal witness to testify against him. He was found guilty, publicly disgraced and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Pat Still Alive.

Some time ago a notorious character in the North of Ireland was sent to jail for two months. During the time of his incarceration a false report got circulated about the village that he had died in jail. One day after coming out of jail the priest met him in the street. "Well, Pat," said the clergyman, "I heard you were dead." "Oh, sure, I heard it myself," replied Pat, "but I didn't believe it."

France has 2,000,000 childless homes.

Although she is 87 years old Empress Eugenie is still very active and retains her faculties and strength.

In England and Wales there are 7,179,276 women who cannot hope to get husbands, this being the number of females in excess of males.

Several white men have married Esquimau women, but the only case of a white woman marrying an Esquimau is that of Miss Ellen Groth, a pretty Danish girl, who recently left her native home in Copenhagen for Upernavik, Greenland, where she will be married.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

FOR

The Hospital for Sick Children

COLLEGE ST., TORONTO

Dear Mr. Editor:—

Thanks for your kindness in allowing me the privilege of appealing at this Christmas time on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

It would take more space than you can spare to tell of the good work done for the sick and deformed children of this Province. Let me, however, in a few words, tell you of the progress of the work of the Hospital.

One nurse, six little white beds, a few dollars, a few friends—this was the beginning. The beds have grown to 250, the dollars to thousands, the friends to hundreds. 1875, the first year, 44 in-patients, 67 out-patients; 1913, last year, 1,648 in-patients, 25,507 out-patients; 1875, 1 nurse; 1913, 70 nurses.

Since 1875, thirty-eight years ago, the Hospital has admitted within its walls 21,018 children as in-patients, and 159,231 as out-patients, a total of 180,249, or an average of 4,743 per year. Of the 21,018 in-patients, 15,200 were from Toronto, and 5,818 from other parts of the Province; 10,150 of the total in-patients were cured, and 6,367 were improved.

In the Orthopedic Department last year, of the 1,648 in-patients, 278 were treated for deformities, 25 hip disease, 37 Pott's disease, 2 knock-knees, 19 bow-legs, 62 club feet, 8 lateral curvature of the spine, 44 infantile paralysis, 6 wry neck, and 75 tubercular disease of knee, hip and ankle. In 1913, the Surgical Apparatus Shop manufactured 427 appliances for in-patients and out-patients, including ankle braces, spinal braces, hip splints, bow-leg splints, club-feet splints, plaster jackets, etc.

In this Department in 38 years nearly 800 boys and girls have been treated for Club Feet and 650 corrected. Half of these came from places outside of Toronto. Surely we have a fair claim for help from the people of this Province.

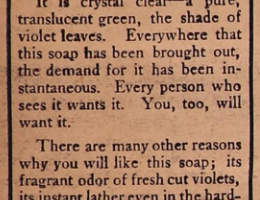
Will you, the reader of this letter, help to give crippled children a fair start in life?

Busy dollars are better than idle tears. The sympathy that helps is good, but the Hospital has to have the sympathy that works.

While Christmas Bells are ringing to the glory of Him "Who made the lame to walk and the blind to see," give, give, give, and help the Hospital to help God's little ones, upon whom the heavy hand of affliction has been laid.

Will you please send a dollar, or more, if you can spare it, to Douglas Davidson, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Hospital, or

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Chairman of the Trustees, Toronto.



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RAILWAY TIME TABLE

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:

GOING WEST	GOING EAST
Mail & Ex...6.02 a.m.	Passenger..10.12 a.m.
Passenger...6 45 p.m.	Mail & Ex..3 31 p.m.

Local & General

Longs can please you in Xmas candy, if pleasing is possible.

H. Morrison and family have moved into Mrs Zwick's rental lately vacated by G. W. Anderson.

A Concert and Xmas tree will be held in the Eggleton School, Madoc Junction on Friday night Dec. 19th Admission 15c.

Auction Sales galore during the coming week or two. Folks should be able to purchase everything they need in the way of Farm Stock and implemets, at their own price.

Geo. Goddin Wellmans corner holding an Auction Sale, of his stock and farm implements on the 18th.

C. U. Clancy. Auctioneer.

Albert Reddick, Chatterton, is selling off all his stock, farm implements and a quanity of furniture the 19th,

Wm Rodgers, Auctioneer.

The Carmel Sunday School holds its annual Xmas Entertainment on Dec. 24th and The Stirling Methodist on Dec. 25th. The practice in each case is going merrily on.

I. O. O. F. — All members of No. 239 I. O.O.F. are requested to be present at next regular meeting Dec. 17th. Degree work.— Lunch.

R. W. Meiklejohn Rec. Sec.

J, M. Clark. N. G.

The Bazaar given by the Ladies guild of St. John's church on Wednesday evening Dec. 10th. was despite the exclemency of the weathes a large success.

The hall was beautifully decorated, the little Dutch Tea room adding a most attractive feature. An excellent display of fancy work and flowers were shown, while the candy and home made goods were at their best.

The Delora orchestra was pronounced the best ever and this, together with the bright and happy surroundings made the whole scene appear a veritable fairy land.

The receipts of the evening were $190.

A Xmas Tree and Entertainment will be held at Bethel Church, Sine, on Tuesday December 23rd, in connection with the Sabbath School. A choice programme of Songs, Recitations, Dialogues, Tabeleaus, etc. is being prepared. All Welcome!

Admission — Adults 25 cts. Children under 12 years old 15 cts. Doors open at 7. 30 P. M.

For the next few Months New Subscribers and Renewals Mill be 75c when paid in advance.

W. P. Spence M. A. of Toronto will accept the pulpit of St. Andrews church on Sunday. The Rev. Mr. McIntosh who was given an unanimous call to the church, had before receiving it accepted a call to Guelph, therefore another call will have to be considered by the congregation.

Marsh Hill Sunday School will hold their annual Xmas entertainment in the church on Wednesday Dec. 17th. A good programme is being prepared by the school, and they will be assisted by the Fairfield Orchesta and other local talent.

The new Town Hall at Marmora was opened last week by a big concert and entertainment.

This Xmas its Long's candy for mine.

The young folk tripped the light Fantastic on Friday evening, in the Opera House, to music from Belleville.

The Best Christmas Gift

The very best Christmas gift you can make yourself, your wife and all the members of your family is a year's subscription to that great paper The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. It costs only one dollar and its visit each week will make your household happier than ever before. No home in Canada should be without that great paper during 1914—Every issue is worth the money.

Madoc Junction

One of the most successful church Entertainments we have had for some time was provided by the W. M. S. here on Monday night. Addresses were given by Rev. G. E. Ross of Eldorado and our own pastor besides a good programme of solo's readings and gramophone selections. The members here were assisted by Miss Tillie Wright and Miss Ethel Hough of Holloway Mrs Dickens and Mr and Mrs Chambers of West Huntingdon and Miss Bertha Mosher our school teacher.

The assistance of those mentioned was very much appreciated by our W. M. S. also those who provided the tea and refreshments so liberal. Some do not find time to come to every meeting, but they can always be depended on to do their part in making our social work a success.

The report of the talent workers was very encouraging, out of seventy cents seven members brought in over thirty two dollars, this with the amount taken in at the door making a total of forty five dollars.

The anniversary services held at Eggleton church here were a decided success. Rev. G. E. Ross a former pastor preached morning and evening. Both excellent sermons. Although very unfavorable weather friends came from West Huntingdon, Moira, Sidney, Fuller and Holloway and in the evening filled the church.

Mrs Irvan of Tweed was the guest of her sister Mrs Fitchett for the week end.

Mr and Mrs Ambrose Wright of Holloway were the guests of Mr and Mrs Geo. Eggleton last Sabbath.

Mr and Mrs Welsh of Moira, Mr and Mrs Martin Hough of Holloway, Mr and Mrs Pollard of Frankford, Mr and Mrs Fogue of Sidney and others spent Sunday with friends here.

Don't forget the school concert in the school house here on Friday evening Dec. 19th. Miss Mosher is working hard and we hope the parents and all who can will come.

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Sized Them Up.

A well-esteemed preacher in a community that was rather notorious for the stinginess of its inhabitants, according to Lippincott's, suddeny announced his resignation, and the deacons immediately sought him out for his reasons.

"My decision has been brought out by the negligence of my congregation," announced the divine.

"Why, sir," protested one of the hearers, "I can't see how you can accuse us of negligence. The church is crowded every Sunday."

"Oh, yes," agreed the preacher, "but what I accuse them of is contributory negligence."

Queered Himself.

Jackson—Bunker has got himself into a nice fix.

Johnson—How?

Jackson—He wrote an article on "The Ideal Wife" for a ladies' paper last month.

Johnson—Well, what's that got to do with his present fix?

Jackson—Somebody told his wife about it, and she's been reading the thing over during the past two days trying to discover a single trait wherein his ideal resembles her. She hasn't found it, and Bunker dines in the city now.—London Answers.

Cold-Blooded Animals.

The so-called cold-blooded animals vary from the warm-blooded in the particular that their blood changes temperature in accordance with their surroundings. The temperature of a fish will be almost exactly the same as that of the water around it, possibly one or two degrees higher. A snake's temperature is higher in summer than in winter, the average being 82 degrees. A bird's average temperature is 107. The average temperature of the mammals is 101 degrees.

A Fair Basis.

"Now, girls," began the head of the visiting committee, "we wish to test your powers of observation. I will ask each girl to describe some building she passed on her way to school."

"That seems hardly fair," replied another member of the committee "Let us rather ask each girl to describe some hat."

Treasure Good Health.

How few of us stop to count good health as a great blessing! We are so busy grumbling over some financial wrong that we forget that all the money in the world would profit us but little if we were invalids.

Personal And Social.

Job. Reid of Frankford was in the village for a few hours on Saturday last.

Albert Reddick has sold his farm near Chatterton and purchased a dwelling and lot at Belleville and expects to move to that city in a short time.

Mrs. H. Stewart entertained a few of her friends quilting Monday afternoon and evening. And she had to lay one young lady down before she could get the quilt over her head. All had an enjoyable time.

Josp. Q. Green has sold his farm and will likely move to Toronto, the first of the New Year.

T. A. Eggleton attended court at Belleville as juror this week.

Messers W. R. Mather, J. S. Morton and L. Meiklejohn attended the Local Option Meeting at Marmora on Monday night.

Mr Albert Alexander and sister Essie of Marysville are the guests at the home of Mrs Annie Horst.

Miss M Host entertained a number of young people from Menie on Thursday evening.

Mr P. E. Rupert and daughter Nettie left Dec. 1st to visit friends and relatives in Michigan. Their many friends wish their health will be improved by the trip.

Miss Mary Donnon, Miss Maggie Wallace and Mr. Norman Ferguson spent Sunday the guests of Mr and Mrs Roscoe Wright.

Miss Annie Mosher who has been at Newmarket for some time past has returned to Toronto.

Alex Fox has purchased the property of Wm. Gould on Henry street, and will rebuild the house on the sight of the one burned some few weeks ago.

Miss Sadie Smith of Marmora was the guest of Wm. Gould this week.

Mrs. Striker of Rochester, who has been the guest of her daughter Mrs. Geo. A Eggleton for some time, spent a week at Consicon the guest of Mrs. Frank Zufelt while her husband went to Denver, on account of the serious illness of his brother Wm. When he arrived at Denver he found that his brother had left for California in hopes that climate would give him relief. Mrs. Striker returned here, where she will likely remain for the winter.

Word was received on Sun. Nov. 30th, of the death of Mr. John Buchanan of Rochester N. Y. Mr. Buchanan was a brother of Mrs. Henry Reid and Mrs. Charles Mosher of this place.

Mrs. Eliza J. Bailey widow of the late Saml. Bailey died at the home of her son Geo. at Harold last Saturday, at the age of 70 yrs 5 mths and 2 days the funeral took place on Monday at Bethel church, the relatives and friends have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

It is expected that the Cardora mines may be started again shortly.

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THIS PAPER

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Sheraton's Influence.

Thomas Sheraton, although a cabinetmaker by trade, it is quite probable during his life in London, did not actually produce any furniture, as his time was too much taken up by his occupation as Baptist preacher, tractarian, drawing master, designer and publisher to bestow any attention on the manufacture or superintendence of cabinet work. His "Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer's Drawing Book" was published first in 1791 and again in 1793 and 1802. He was possessed of keen critical insight in matters pertaining to high class cabinetmaking, combined with an excellent sense of proportion, sound judgment and purity of taste, and his influence on the style of furniture in the latter part of the eighteenth century was exercised through his designs and criticisms, which had no little weight with the cabinetmakers of his day.—Suburban Life Magazine.

Honored by Precedent.

A well known Washington minister tells of a couple who came to him to be married. The bridegroom was upon his third matrimonial venture, the bride upon her second.

"Please stand up," said the clergyman, prepared to pronounce the necessary words.

The bride looked at the bridegroom. The bridegroom looked at the bride. Then he said politely but firmly:

"We have generally sot."—Exchange.

Long's Xmas Candy For Wise Buyers

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(Pure and wholesome)		Cocoanut brittle	per lb.	15c
Special cream and jelly mix 15c 2lb	25c	Almond bar	per lb.	30c
(Of unbeatable quality)		Maple loaf	per lb.	20c
Special Xmas assortment lb.	20c	Lady caramels	per lb.	20c
(A choice high-grade mixture)		Peanut butter rolls	per lb.	30c
Candy canes from	1c up	Peanut clusters	per lb.	30c
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Sweater Coats from $1.50 to 5.00	Lace Collars from 25c. to $1.50
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For your Gentlemen friends, we have

Sweater Coats from $1. to 4.50	Fancy Shirts from 75c. to $1.50
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Ties from 15c. to 75c.	
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Always That To Do.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at the Factory on Monday, December 15th. 1913, at one o' clock P. M. for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, hiring Cheese Maker and other general business of Company.

J. W. Sager, Pres.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Annual meeting of Central Cheese Co. will be held at the factory, Friday Dec. 12th at 1 o' clock P. M. Sharp for paying of dividends, election of officers, and any other business connected with the factory.

Wilford Smith, Pres.

POSTPONED SALE

The Robt Caulson auction of Farm Stock, etc., which was to have been held on Nov. 19 th has been postponed on account of the heavy storm on that day, and will be held on Dec. 21 st 1913.

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Friday DEC. 12, 1913

VILLAGE COUNCIL

The postponed December meeting of the Council was held on Monday evening in the council chamber, Reeve Coulter in the chair all present but councillor Meiklejohn. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were read,

Lighting streets		78.00
Lighting Fire Hall		1.14
John Tanner	streets	5.29
L&R. W. Meiklejohn	electric con.	6.44
electric main.1.22, Fire Hall 2.07		12.73
T. G. Clute	attending court	8.00
John Tanner	attending court	8.00
Chas. Mosher	streets	1.36
Danl. McGee	streets	2.00
Robt. Fletcher electric 1.25 Fire Hall 6.50		7.75
Robt. Campbell	streets	1.25
T. H. McKee	coal	8.00
" "	rent	50.00
T. G. Clute	qtr. salary	25.00
Fred McKee		1.00
J. J. Gould	streets	1.00
John Tanner	streets	6.00
Tel. Co.	Electric Dpt.	26.20
Electric Dpt.	Freight	3.96
Can. Gen. Elect. Co. 7.67, 3.68&25		36.35
Federal Eng. Co.		28.86
Factory Prod. Co	3.46&6.34	9.80
L & R. Meiklejohn Opera House		5.35
Mrs. Smith 5.35 streets 10.95 crosses, unions, pipe 2.63 Sine 16.32		43.60
Lamp in Opera House		2.40
Elect. Dpt.		3.60
L. &R. W. Meiklejohn	Elect Dpt	.75

These on motion of councillors Eggleton and Belshaw were ordered paid.

The clerk then read a communication from Edwin Naylor stating that when he was appointed caretaker of the cemetery, he understood that he was to be paid $1. for opening graves, but had only received $3. and asked the council to increase it to $4. he also asked that a small shelter be provided in which he might put a stove to keep warm while waiting for funerals, and also stated that others came to the cemetery for funerals and had to wait, this on motion was deferred to next meeting for consideration.

A letter from the Insurance Underwriters was read, drawing attention to the necessity of the hose, engine and all fire apparatus being kept in good efficient condition at this time of year.

At the request of the fire chief, two small half inch nozzles were ordered to be purchased for the department.

Motion was given that at a special meeting to be held on Friday the 12th, a by-law will be presented to make provision for appointing Reeve, Councillors and Board of School Trustees. The council then adjourned till Friday Decm. 12th at 8 p. m

To The Editor Of News Argus.

In your last issue you state in the article under the heading of "An Open Letter," that I gave my support to the editor of the Marmora Herald, to induce him to steal your business. Now that statement is wholly false, I never in any way gave encouragement to the editor of the Herald to locate in Stirling: but when I heard that he was thinking of doing so, wrote to him to dissuade him from so doing. To this the editor of the Herald did not reply, and I have had no further communication or conversation with him.

James Currie.

The above letter is published at Mr. Currie's request, and in direct opposition to my advice to him as I was very adverse in bringing his name into the case. but unfortunately was unable to make my case at all clear without doing so, and then just merely touched on it.

For several reasons I will not this week answer Mr. Currie fully, but expect to do so later, but, by way will say, that he equicates and entirely shirks the issue, and he very well knows that it is of no importance whatever, in the case, if he never knew that there was such a person in existence as the editor of the Marmora Herald, but that it is the other mean nigger or niggers in the woodpile. who made the balls anb got others to fire them, not being man or men enough to stand behind his or their own guns. and whom I accused Mr. Currie of giving his support, by shylock like, demanding the pound of flesh. when he thought I would be unable to furnish it.

More annon; but just here I may ay that I understand that Mr. Sabin the editor of the Herald is not the other nigger, but that he had retired from the field and another had stepped into his shoes.

Wellmans Corners Dec. 8. 1913

Wome's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs H. Morton on Friday afternoon, Thirteen ladies were present. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Miss E. R. who attended the W. I. convention held in Toronto gave a very profitable and interesting report. Mrs Charlie Dunham gave a good recitation entilled "Country Life." Readings were given by Mrs Hubble and others present, Collection 51 cts. Next meeting will be held Jan. 15th at the home of Mrs F. C. Snarr Homewood. Miss Zella Snarr to give the topic meeting will begin at 7. 30 P. M. Everybody Welcome.

Mrs Ed. Scarlett.

Hoard's

Mr and Mrs Andrew Heagle spent an enjoyable week with relatives in Montreal.

Rev. Mr and Mrs Andrew Bunner Campbellford were guests of Mr John Parks. Thursday evening.

Alice Rannie entertained about sixteen of her young friends on Thursday evening. All report a splendid time.

Mrs Hiram Doxee attended the funeral of Mrs Rod Doxee, Hastings. Mrs Doxee who was well known here, died on Monday last after an illness of several months.

Mr and Mrs Wallace Hoard spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Campbellford.

Mr and Mrs Byron Hubble spent Tuesday last with Mr and Mrs George Mabye, Wellmans.

Mr and Mrs A. J. Thompson visited Mr H. Whitton on Saturday.

Mrs Mary Feeney was a guest of her nephew Frank Bailey this week. Mr H. Hammond also spent a couple of days at Mr Bailey's.

Mr and Mrs George Acker Murray were guests at Mr W. E. Linn's on Tuesday. They also visited Mr Wallace Hoard.

Mr and Mrs George Hagerman were guests at Mr Fred Jeffs on Sunday.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs H. Doxee on Thursday, The after noon was spent in sewing for the Hostess. The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in January at the home of Mrs Wallace Hoard. Visitors Welcome.

The pupils of Masson's school will have their entertainment on the afternoon of Dec. 19th. Miss Ida Thompson their present teacher leaves after Christmas for Calgary, Alberta.

Prayer meetings was held on Thursday evening in the church. Meetings will continue for some time.

A party of Englishmen who have worked around here for several years are leaving this week to spend the winter in England.

It isn't often we hear of baseball being played in December but on Saturday Menie and Hoards played a good game here. There is talk of a skating rink and hockey when the weather gets cooler.

CIRCULATE -:- -:- $ THAT GOOD OLD At Home. Don't Send It Away to the Mail Order Man.

Ridge Road

Miss Emma Mc Ge e of Madoc spent last Sunday at the home of her parents accompanied by Mr Miles of Havelock.

Mr Arthur H. Rodgers has returned home after spending three months in the West, visiting his sister Mrs F. T. Wickett and brother Robert of Tate.

Mrs W. A. Curran and little daughter Anna who has been spending a few weeks with her cousin Mrs F. W. Rodgers and other relatives has returned to her home in Ottawa.

Mrs D. Ma Gee has returned to her home in Ottawa after visiting friends and relatives here.

School Section No. 1 Ridge Road intend holding their public concert on December the 22nd See posters later.

All are glad to hear that Mr. Henry Reid who has been very ill for the last three weeks is gaining nicely.

Mt. Pleasant

Mr. Arthur Shore spent a couple of days last week with Mr. Frank Young

Mr. and Miss Alexander of Belleville were visiting at Fred Horst and with other relatives here last week.

A good crowd attended the Mission Circle at Mrs. Edward Montgomerys on Saturday afternoon.

A great many shipped turkeys and chickens through the Farmer's Club on Friday last.

Mr. John Huffman called on friends and relatives here this week,

The Farmer's Club will meet on Monday Dec. 15th. Every body wishing to join are welcome.

Church service Sunday at 2.30 o'clock.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, poundkeeper in Division No. 6, Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, have this day, at the request of J. A. Potts, of the township of Rawdon, impounded in the common pound on lot No. 11, Con. 8, one brown mare, weight about 1000 pounds, and about 13 years of age, which was this day trespassing on the premises of J. A. Potts; and unless the owner thereof shall within 30 days from date redeem the same by paying all legal charges against the same, shall sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder on the 17th day of December, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the said pound, according to law.

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NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held on Saturday December the 13th at One o' clock for the paying of dividends and general transaction of business.

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What Happened To Jones

And a lot of other People Is Described In The HOME PAPER

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They are of fine type and constitution and while many of them have not been officially tested, they possess some of the best blood of this breed and are capable of making big records. This sale will be without doubt the largest ever held in this section.

There will also be sold at the same time and place, two pure bred Clydesdale stallions and one pure bred mare also a number of pure bred Berkshire pigs, Rhode Island and Leghorn hens. Mr Stewart's implements will also be sold. Mr C. U. Clancy will be the auctioneer. Catalogues of the sale will be issued shortly descriptive of the breeding of Mr. Stewart's herd.

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Bellview

Mrs Fred Fenn attended the Women's Institute convention in Toronto last week.

Mr and Mrs Geo Burkitt of Frankford spent Sunday at Mr Arthur Burkitts.

Mr Harry Haslett has returned home after spending the fall with friends out West.

Mrs Joe Mumby has returned home after spending a few days with her daughter Mrs P. Mc Inroy.

Mrs and Mr T. M. Reid visited friends in this vicinity on Sunday last.

A number from here attended the funeral of the little daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Mc Inroy.

Mrs Wm Webb has returned home after spending a week with relatives in Toronto.

The W. A. has been very busy lately holding two meetings a week, preparing for the sale of work which they held on Dec. 3rd.

Mrs Wm Hurst is the guest of her Grand-daughter Mrs A. Burkitt.

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That pleasantly situated Brick dwelling facing on Front St. Corner also extending to Church Street. A Frame Barn belonging to the Est. of the late Elizabeth Hamilton. Good well on lot and cellar under house.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Enterprize Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held in the Factory on Tuesday December 16th, at 1 o' clock p. m For the transaction of the usual business, and any other matters that may come before the meeting.

W. T. Sine, Pres.

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—See Posters For Particulars.—Come one and all, I welcome you as I regard buyers as my friends, and come early as there is a lot of different things to sell, and we need all the afternoon to dispose of them. Bring your friends everybody will possibly want something. You will regret it if you do not come.

I have a rare well matched intelligent team full brother and sister 9 and 11 years old this fall, French Breed, weight about 1200 lbs each, good material and make up for any reasonable work or road, also a colt to match, from the sister 3 years old next May and will also weigh about 1200 or more, very gentle, partly broken, John Haight breed from the Clyde blood.

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Household

Cider Recipes.

Even the small household should be able to use a whole keg of cider, for there are more ways of using cider than most housewives imagine.

Here is a recipe for the good old English mulled cider:

Beat three eggs and add a few tablespoonfuls of sugar, according to taste. Have a quart of cider boiling and pour it over the eggs, stirring it constantly as you do so. Now put the mixture back on the stove and boil again. Serve hot in glasses or steins if you are afraid of breaking the glasses.

Here are two rules for making cider jelly. The first one to be made in small quantities for immediate use calls for two ounces of gelatine in a little water. Add it to two and a half pints of cider and one pound of sugar till it begins to thicken. Strain through a cloth and turn out into a jelly mould. When cold and set serve with cakes and cream.

The other jelly recipe calls for good acid winter apples which should be washed, stemmed and cut into quarters and put in the preserving kettle with four quarts of fresh cider to every eight quarts of apples.

Boil until the apples are very tender and then strain, measure and for every point of juice add a pint of sugar. Stir the sugar and juice until the sugar has dissolved and then put on the fire till it boils. Then draw off from the flame and skim carefully. Repeat this boiling and skimming process three times. Then pour into jelly glasses that have been brought to the boiling point, and set in the sunshine to cool.

Here is a delicious cider cake rule. It calls for one cupful of butter, two cupfuls of sugar, three eggs, four cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of allspice, one teaspoonful of baking soda and cider. Cream the butter and sugar and add the eggs well beaten. Then add the flour and spice and soda and enough cider to form a stiff batter. Bake in a hollow tin. It makes a well-chosen dessert when served fresh and unfrosted with nuts and raisins.

For all sorts of puddings a cider sauce can be used. It is made by rubbing together one small tablespoonful of flour and two tablespoonfuls of butter, and adding one cupful of brown sugar and two-thirds of a cupful of boiling cider. Simmer the mixture till it is smooth and creamy, stirring constantly. It should be served immediately.

A good many cake rules and all mince meat rules call for boiled cider, but few explain how to boil it. Here is the best way: Take very new cider and boil steadily, but not rapidly, till it has been reduced one-half, skimming from time to time. Allow it to cool and then bottle and seal the corks with sealing wax and use as needed. A mould will probably rise on top of the cider in the bottle, but this does not injure the cider in the least and can simply be removed when the bottle is opened.

If your cider gets too hard to drink remember that it is not wasted, for the best possible table and cooking vinegar is made from cider. You will need 1½ pounds of rye flour for a barrel of cider and considerably less for the amount needed in a small household. Mix the flour with a little vinegar and add enough hot water to make a thick paste. Put it into the barrel or keg and stir well with a stick or wooden spoon. Put it in a warm place for ten days. After that it can be bottled and will keep for a year or longer if properly sealed.

But, after all, why should there be any cider left to make vinegar out of? If we follow the directions of a noted French specialist we would drink it all for our health. This man of science says that for gout it is excellent and should be drunk when the fermentation has just completed, before it has begun to get "hard" and should be diluted with a third water.

For any one, whether he has gout or not, the doctor says, it is a splendid tonic on account of the tannin it contains.

Things Worth Knowing.

An ounce of flour equals four level tablespoonfuls.

Polish windows with paper instead of cloth to avoid lint and streaks.

A tablespoonful of water or milk should be allowed for each egg in making an omelet.

A piece of fungus, broken from an old tree, is a splendid buffer for mahogany furniture.

A scratch on polished furniture can be almost obliterated by rubbing vigorously with linseed oil.

When grease or oil is spilled on the carpet, spread fine meal over the spot; it will absorb the grease.

To take disagreeable medicine, eat one or two cloves or hold ice in the mouth until the tongue is chilled.

A weak solution of oxalic acid, used for stained fingers, is good. For minor stains, lemon juice is helpful.

When the suede belt or purse becomes greasy looking, try rubbing it with a fine emery paper. It will look like new.

A few pieces of gum camphor kept in the boxes in which silver is packed in wrappings will prevent its turning dark.

To get the full nutriment from a potato it should be cooked in the skin, as valuable food salts lie just inside the covering.

When you find it difficult to remove rusty screws or nails from wood, try letting kerosene soak into the wood around them.

Have you tried cheeseballs rolled in egg and bread crumbs and fried in boiling fat? They are delicious when served with lettuce hearts and ham.

To freshen rusty black lace, soak it with vinegar and water—two tablespoonfuls of vinegar to a pint of water. Rinse and iron while damp between flannels.

In using gasoline precautions must be taken lest the fluid leave a ring on the clothing. First put a piece of blotting paper under the spot, then mark a ring in fuller's earth or French chalk around the spot to keep the grease from spreading.

White crin hats are cleaned by sponging with water and soap, not wetting them thoroughly. Stuff the crown with paper to keep the shape, and dry quickly. Black crin hats are cleaned in hot water and ammonia, applied with a flannel cloth, wringing the latter nearly dry.

To wash a corset, first remove all the steels, lay the corset on a board or table and scrub with a small, stiff brush, which has been covered with a lather of white soap. Rinse many times with cold water, pull straight and allow to dry. Replace the steels as soon as it is dry.

In a table of comparative food values, a pound of raisins is said to be equal to six pounds of apples, five pounds of bananas, a pound of bread, two pounds of milk, a pound and a quarter of fish, seven-eighths of a pound of eggs and three-fifths of a pound of beef.

An excellent polish for an oilcloth which has lost some of its original brightness is made by dissolving beeswax in turpentine. An ounce of wax to a pint of turpentine is about right. It should stand overnight after mixing and be applied with a woolen cloth. Afterward, it should be wiped off with a dry cloth.

THE MISSION BABY.

By Jean Blewett.

The quaint old garden with its fragrant gloom
Seems to enfold her in a close embrace,
A little human flower among the bloom,
A little human flower all light and grace.
Oh, wells of wonder are her dear dark eyes,
And gravely tender her unsmiling face!
Past the proud roses stray the dimpled feet;
Red roses, white, and of a sunset glow;
Past phlox, and pink, and wallflower warm and sweet,
To where the daisies wild dance to and fro
To the mad piping of the winds that blow.
Ah, then the wonder of the dear dark eyes
Is lost in laughter, and the dimpled feet
With all the black-eyed Susans dancing go.

—In The Canadian Magazine for December.

Countryman: "You sold me two bottles of stuff to make the hair grow and it ain't done it."

Haircutter: "It's very strange—I can't understand it."

Countryman: "Well, look here, I don't mind drinking another bottle, but this must be the last."

Babcock milk testers are being used in New Zealand schools, and as Canada is essentially a dairying country, testing the milk of individual cows opens up a most promising field for every school teacher and for thousands of Canadian boys in our country schools. All information can be had by writing the Dairy Commission, Ottawa.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, DECEMBER 14.

Lesson XI.—The Sin of Achan. Josh., Chap. 7. Golden Text, Num. 32.23.

Verse 6. Joshua rent his clothes—As a sign of mourning at the news of the utter defeat of the army he had sent from Jericho against Ai, another formidable stronghold of the enemy (verses 1 to 5). The rending of clothes was apparently a modification of an earlier and more cruel practice of mutilating the flesh, forbidden in Deut. 14. 1, "Ye are the children of Jehovah your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead." Compare the mourning of Jacob for Joseph, Gen. 37. 34; of David for his sons, 2 Sam. 13. 31; and of Job's friends (Job 2. 12).

Put dust upon their heads—Another sign of sorrow. Compare the young man who brought the tidings of defeat to Shiloh (2 Sam. 1. 2).

7. The Amorites—The native inhabitants east of the Jordan, who, having been only recently subdued, would now take courage and renew their hostility toward Israel.

Beyond the Jordan—Joshua is west of the Jordan and uses the expression which subsequently became the customary one for designating the land east of the river.

9. The Canaanites—Dwellers in the lowlands both on the coast and in the interior.

Our name . . . thy name—This passage well illustrates the significant use of the word "name" in the Old Testament. In the first clause it stands for the national existence (com. Isa. 55. 13; Deut. 7. 24); in the second clause for the revealed character of Jehovah. The word thus had a fuller and richer meaning than in modern language, signifying something of the substance of that to which it was applied.

10. Get thee up—Jehovah's reply is even more strange than Joshua's challenge. It is brief, even abrupt, and there is no suggestion of sympathy in it. But it carries a pointed lesson. We hear much about the sovereignty of God, and this is often overdone. God's answer to Joshua is: "Why are you lying on your face and talking about my great name? This is not a subject for prayer. Get up and deal with Israel's sin as it deserves. Look for the cause of defeat, not in my sovereignty, but in your sin."

11. Transgressed my covenant — The divine injunction only recently given at Jericho, "Keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when ye have devoted it, ye take of the devoted thing; so would ye make the camp of Israel accursed, and trouble it." (Compare also Deut. 17. 2 and Hos. 8. 1.) The guilt of Israel in this case was fourfold and involved touching the devoted possessions of the enemy, theft, lying, and the appropriation of Jehovah's property.

The accursed thing—That is, the thing under the ban. (Compare Josh. 6. 17.) Jericho and all it contained was put under the ban and destroyed or devoted to the Lord (Josh. 6. 21).

12. They were accursed — They had fair warning of this (Josh. 6. 18). An accursed thing would bring a curse to the man who took it, and no man under the curse of disobedience might hope to win battles by the help of God whom he had defied.

Neither will I be with you any more—The sin of one man somehow taints the whole people, in the sense that they suffer from its consequences. The moral law is moral integrity, and our lives are so interwoven as to make ethics a very complex science.

13. Up, sanctify the people—The sin of the one must be atoned for by the many. This sanctification is much more than a sentimental process. It is very practical and very solemn. The defeat of a whole army calls for a moral demonstration on a larger scale.

Until ye take away the accursed thing—Their defeat is not done. It will go on and on unless its cause is removed.

Brought near—Into the presence of Jehovah at the door of his sanctuary.

Tribes . . . families . . . households . . . man by man—Each tribe consisted of several clans, each clan of several households or families, and each family of its constituent individuals.

Which the Lord shall take—The technical term for the method of the lot. (See Prov. 16. 33.) Perhaps a number of white pebbles and one black one were placed in an urn and drawn out one by one, the black pebble indicating the guilty tribe, clan, family, or individual. The idea of the lot seems to be a sort of appeal to God, free from all influence of bias or passion. This was a very ancient and widespread custom. Compare the case of Jonathan (1 Sam. 14. 42), and Jonah (Jonah 1. 7), and the choice of soldiers (Judg. 1. 1 and 20. 9, 10), also Num. 26. 55; Josh. 18. 10; Joel 3. 3; Nah. 3. 10; Lev. 16. 8; Prov. 16. 33; and 18. 18.

15. Burnt with fire—This was the natural punishment for a "devoted" man. The curse of the burned thing he had taken upon himself and become like it. Therefore, as it must be burned with fire, he must be consumed with it.

Because he hath transgressed the covenant of the Lord—It was a terrible punishment—not that Achan was burnt alive; he was first executed by stoning (Josh. 2. 25). But the mere value of the goodly garment and the stolen silver and gold is not to be considered; we are to seek the ground of this fearful retribution in Achan's rebellion against Jehovah. He had broken his covenant with God and trampled God's plain commands under his contemptuous feet. This is our lesson—a warning for all times.

Wrought folly in Israel — The Scriptures incessantly connect sin with mental lapses. The sinner is a fool. His stupidity is conspicuous. It is sheer shortsightedness and folly for any man to imagine that he can defy the lightnings of Omnipotence with impunity and hide his reeking sins from Omniscience.

Our London Letter

King George Likes His Father's Friends.

It was prophesied that when King George came to the throne many leading social lights would sink back into insignificance, and for a time this was true. But it is remarkable how most of the old friends of King Edward have resumed their positions in the court set, the reason being plain. King Edward always chose the most interesting, and as King George's tastes are much the same the interesting persons in society were bound to come on top again.

On the other hand, Queen Mary undoubtedly has made changes in regard to the ladies at court, favoring the grandes dames of the old school. Lady Wantage in particular enjoying her confidence. Queen Mary has no liking for the nouveau riche and never mixes in their society if she can possibly help it. Sometimes this is unavoidable, as at charity functions, for instance.

Princess Mary remains the "youngest" girl of her age in society. The Queen has a human enough fancy to keep her children children as long as possible, and she has a positive terror of the time when it will be necessary for her daughter to make her debut. It is not in the least that the Queen fancies that it makes her elderly to have a grown up family. She dresses rather with the intention of adding slightly to her age by adopting dignified garments than otherwise.

The young Princess is still kept hard at her studies. Special attention is paid to her music, and she goes frequently to play duets with Queen Alexandra, who takes a deep interest in her progress.

Buckingham Palace Improved.

It is felt by those chiefly concerned that a new and charming era is begun by the transformation of Buckingham Palace. It has been the King and Queen's particular wish that Princess Mary's coming out should be surrounded by every pleasant circumstance and that her London home should be transfigured from its rather drab, early Victorian to a more modern and joyful setting. Hence the choice of pretty pinks and gold which have been so largely used in the interior.

It is said that the court is rejoicing at the disappearance of certain dreary and inconvenient old landmarks and of the heavy look of the state rooms. It is hoped too that the era of change will be marked by an improvement in our court ceremonies, which left not a little to be desired, notably in the appearance of one of the large drawing rooms, where the ladies awaiting presentation seemed rather like an audience awaiting a concert where the music had failed.

Men Yoked to the Plough.

Great indignation has been aroused in Nottingham by allegations that old and decrepit inmates of Basford Workhouse have been yoked to the plough on land belonging to the Guardians. The statements are being confirmed by several residents in Highbury avenue, Bulwell, which overlooks the Basford Workhouse grounds.

One man, living within twenty yards of the field, said: "I saw one day last week six men pulling a plough by means of ropes. All the men were very old, and only pulled the plough a few yards before they had to stop to rest and get their breath. The work was evidently too much for these six men, and the following day there were nine men yoked to the implement."

The subject was discussed at Nottingham Trades Council, and a Midland guard and driver declared they saw six old men dragging a plough as they passed on the train, while a man with a big mastiff stood by.

Plan New Paris-London Club.

A club is being formed to have a home in London and Paris and to provide the most luxurious facilities for travelling between the two cities.

The London clubhouse is to be in Pall Mall and the Paris one in the Champs Elysees and arrangements are to be made whereby a Pullman car for the exclusive use of club members and their guests in charge of the club's own servants and a steam yacht are to make travelling really comfortable and exclusive.

Both clubhouses are to have residential accommodation. The club is to be called the Capitals United Club and it is said that a large number of wealthy and influential people are supporting it. The membership is to be 2,000, and the subscription $25.

6,805 Born at Sea in Year 1911.

Volume IX. of the report on the census of 1911 contains some remarkable figures showing how English people migrate from where they were born.

The five metropolitan counties, Essex, Herts, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey, together with the county boroughs of West Ham and Croydon, contain more than a million natives of London. Essex claims 260,943 of them and Middlesex 357,632.

Of London's 4,521,685 inhabitants, 1,436,686 were born outside the county and it is another remarkable fact that the proportion of native Londoners has risen at each successive census since 1881. At the same time the rate of growth of the population of London has steadily declined. Foreigners of all nationalities in London number 155,128, more than half the total in England and Wales, and a larger number than at any previous census.

Persons born at sea, the report states, showed a remarkable and inexplicable rise from 3,946 to 6,805. Of the total population of England and Wales 36,070,492, nearly 96 1-2 per cent., were born in this country and a further 2 1-2 per cent. in other parts of Greater Britain.

London, Nov. 24, 1913.

The German Government has forbidden the use of open stoves that burn coke to heat and dry new buildings in course of construction.

The Belgian ministry of railways proposes to substitute motor vans for horse-drawn vehicles in all future contracts for freight delivery.

LORD COWDRAY.

Man Behind Most of the Engineering Enterprises of Mexico.

The story went out not long ago that Victoriano Huerta had got money enough from the British Government to run his own Provisional Government in Mexico for a month. This money, the report had it, came through Lord Cowdray, head of the Pearson syndicate. Lord Cowdray denied the story, but it serves to illustrate the extent of his interests in Mexico. Lord Cowdray, who probably is better recalled to most persons under his former name of Sir Weetman Pearson, has interests in Mexico so vast that it might be well worth his while to further the affairs of any Government in that country which seemed to have a good chance of survival.

When Diaz was President and Lord Cowdray was Sir Weetman Pearson they worked together mightily to improve Mexico. Both made much money out of it, but it is not to be denied that this extraordinary contractor and engineer helped to change the face of nature in Mexico and did some marvels of building work. More than that, his interests take in oil wells of unusual capacity, so that he is a rich man indeed from the work he has done in Mexico alone. And his Mexican achievements are not the complete tale of his activities.

It was some years ago that his firm, S. Pearson and Son, Limited, took and completed a $5,000,000 contract for extensive harbor works in Vera Cruz. Later came

Lord Cowdray.

the gigantic task of draining the Valley of Mexico with a canal which cost $15,000,000. These tasks were done and well done, so that later when President Diaz contemplated the reconstruction and completion of the Tehuantepec Railroad it was not unnatural that the Pearson firm should get the job.

To Compete With Canal.

It was in 1902 that this work was started. A limit of fifty-one years was set for the task, involving the construction of the railroad and of proper terminal ports at the Atlantic and Pacific ends, so as to compete with the Panama Canal for transcontinental traffic and the trade to the Far East.

The railroad has been completed on modern lines with steel rails of eighty pounds, although there was much rock cutting and other hard work to be done. The more spectacular work of the job was at the terminal ports.

At Salina Cruz the work was an undertaking of considerable difficulty because that Pacific port was nothing but an open roadstead. Without assistance from nature the contractor evolved an outer and an inner harbor by means of vast breakwaters of masonry. The blocks in some cases weighed from thirty to forty tons apiece. The inner harbor is an artificial basin with perfectly quiet water.

Coatzacoalcos, the Atlantic terminal, presented a different problem. The river formed a good natural harbor, but was obstructed by a bar. An elaborate system of jetties was built across there so that the bar was scoured out by the action of the river itself. At either place a model town was built up, furthering the best hygienic conditions.

In the Oil Trade.

In the oil business Sir Weetman was early to recognize that there was plenty of good crude oil to be got in Mexico, and there have been reports that he was for a long time a thorn in the side of the Standard Oil Company, although to match these there was a report not so very long ago under the Madero regime the struggle went against Lord Cowdray to such an extent that he wanted to sell out to the Standard. President Diaz was a director in the Mexican Eagle Petroleum Company, as the name of the Pearson concern in Mexico may be done over into English.

Lord Cowdray is rather a remarkable personage. He is in the neighborhood of 57 years old now. He is not what can be called a self-made man, but under him the firm of S. Pearson and Son, Limited, has certainly not failed to make great strides ahead. The founder of the firm was Lord Cowdray's grandfather, and the "son" was his father, George Pearson. It was a big house when he succeeded to it as his inheritance, but it has been made much bigger since then, with contracts at a time running up toward $100,000,000.

No Time for Politics.

Although he has sat in Parliament, having been elected regularly enough from Colchester, he has not had much real time for politics and legislation, his time being taken up with his business. Among some of the great things his firm has done are the $20,000,000 harbor operation at Dover, the Malta drydock, the Halifax drydock, the construction of the Great Northern Railway and of the Northern and City Railway (the "tuppenny tube"), in building which the experience was gained that afterward insured the getting of the contract for the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnels under the Hudson at New York.

In selecting his title of Lord Cowdray, the head of the Pearson syndicate showed himself, as a business man might be expected to be, above average superstition. Cowdray Park, the place he purchased from the Earl of Egmont in 1909, and from which he took his title, had seemed to bring bad luck to other possessors, although he seems to have broken the spell.

CANADA'S LARGEST TUNNEL.

The C.P.R. Has Let the Contract For it at Rogers' Pass, B.C.

The building of the C.P.R. tunnel, 5 miles long, at Rogers' Pass, B.C., in connection with the double-tracking work between Calgary and Vancouver, has been let to Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart. In addition to the boring of the tunnel, the contract calls for the construction of 11.1 miles of double track approaching the eastern portal and 2.3 miles of double track approaching the western portal.

The work will reduce the height of the summit at which the line crosses the Selkirks by 537 feet; will eliminate 4.4 miles of distance and 2,500 degrees of curvature, and on 15 miles of track the gradient will be reduced from 2.2 per cent. to 1 per cent. Nearly five miles of snow sheds will be eliminated from the system by the work of the tunnel. The tunnel, which will be on a tangent throughout its entire length, will be on a .93 per cent. gradient, ascending west, and will be a single one, carrying a double track 30 feet wide by 20 feet high. A new method of construction has been adopted for boring the tunnel. Instead of boring simply from the two ends, it has been decided to bore a pioneer tunnel, 7 feet by 8 feet, parallel with the main tunnel and cross-cut at short intervals so as to enable several headings to be worked simultaneously. In the case of this particular tunnel the height of the mountains through which it passes precludes the possibility of vertical shafts being used. The pioneer tunnel will aid in the ventilation of the railway tunnel during its construction. The boring of the pioneer tunnel has been started and the first cross-cuts will be made when these have been driven about 2,000 feet. About the end of December of this year this part of the work will have been completed. The plant for boring the tunnels alone will cost a cool half million. Before the work is complete, it will cost the C.P.R. in the neighborhood of $10,000,000. This means the piercing of the heart of a great mountain range and is on a parity with the boring of the Alps many years ago (a feat which held the world breathless). The erection of model villages at the two portals of the tunnel at a cost of $50,000 is an interesting feature of this work. The floors of the houses at Glacier are to be eight feet from the ground, with bridges to connect the houses with the work. The undertaking is full of picturesque possibilities. The men will be poised in mid air, so to say. The immemorial silence of the everlasting hills will be broken by a great utilitarian organization which, although it may poetically affirm that the Olympian gods have taken up their abode in the Rockies, has its eye on the dollar. For three years cut off from the world, working by shifts day and night, the mountain will be pierced bit by bit until, after 1,095 days and nights, daylight will creep through the blackness of the long passage and the tunnel will be completed. This is the biggest single feature the C.P.R. has undertaken. It shows that in realizing thorough efficiency the company stops at no outlay of either money or energy. All concerned with it will be associated with an enterprise which will have historic value and significance.

Targets upon which riflemen shoot at motion pictures have been approved by the British war office for training military marksmen.

HOW TO TREAT ALL SKIN TROUBLE

Greasy Ointments No Use—Must Be Cured Through the Blood.

It is not a good thing for people with a tendency to have pimples and a blotchy complexion to smear themselves with greasy ointments. In fact they couldn't do anything worse, because the grease clogs the pores of the skin, making the disease worse. When there is an irritating rash a soothing boracic wash may help allay the pain or itching, but of course it doesn't cure the trouble. Skin complaints arise from an impure condition of the blood and will persist until the blood is purified. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have cured many cases of eczema and skin diseases because they make new, rich blood that drives out the impurities, clears the skin and imparts a glow of health. The following proof is offered. Mrs. Fred Tremble, Gunter, Ont., says: "For more than a year I was steadily afflicted with salt rheum or eczema. My hands were so sore that I could not put them in water without the skin cracking open. I tried all sorts of ointments recommended for the trouble, but they did not do me a particle of good. I was told Dr. Williams' Pink Pills would cure the trouble, and began taking them. I took the Pills steadily for six or eight weeks, and they completely cured the trouble. This was several years ago, and I have never been bothered with it since."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

FEATHERS STOOD TALLER.

In Days of Eighteenth Century Than Those of Present Time.

Now that the fashionable woman's headgear is regarded as incomplete without an upstanding feather, one is reminded that the fashionable belle sported like plumage for evening wear toward the end of the eighteenth century. A writer in the London Times of 1795 illustrated the epidemic: "At all elegant assemblies there is a room set apart for the ladies to don their feathers, as it is impossible to wear them in any carriage with a top. The lusters are also removed on this account and the doors are carried up to the ceiling. A well-dressed lady who nods with dexterity can give a friend a little tap on the shoulder across the room without incommoding the dancers. The ladies' feathers are now generally carried in the sword case at the back of the carriage."

Taking No Chances.

Dugald was ill, and his friend, Donald, took a bottle of whiskey to him. Donald gave the invalid one glass and said:

"Ye'll git anither ane in the mornin'."

About five minutes elapsed, and then Dugald suddenly exclaimed:

"Ye'd better let me hae the ither noo, Donald; we hear o' sae mony sudden deaths nooadays."

BETTER POSITION.

And Increased Salary as a Result of Eating Right Food.

There is not only comfort in eating food that nourishes brain and body but sometimes it helps a lot in increasing one's salary.

A Western school teacher tells an interesting experience. She says: "About two years ago I was extremely miserable from a nervousness that had been coming on for some time. Any sudden noise was actually painful to me and my nights were made miserable by horrible nightmare.

"I was losing flesh all the time, and at last was obliged to give up the school I was teaching and go home.

"Mother put me to bed and sent for the doctor. I was so nervous the cotton sheets gave me a chill, and they put me in woollens. The medicine I took did me no apparent good. Finally, a neighbor suggested that Grape-Nuts might be good for me to eat. I had never heard of this food, but the name sounded good so I decided to try it.

"I began to eat Grape-Nuts and soon found my reserve energy growing, so that in a short time I was filling a better position and drawing a larger salary than I had ever done before.

"As I see little children playing around me and enter into their games I wonder if I am the same teacher of whom, two years ago, the children spoke as 'ugly old thing.'

"Grape-Nuts food with cream has become a regular part of my diet, and I have not been sick a day in the past two years." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

RELIGIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

Changes in Their Standing In Ten Years.

To those interested in the study of figures, and after all who is not, the census returns of the religions of the Canadian people recently published will afford many hours of careful consideration. Of the total population of the Dominion of 7,206,643, as taken in 1911, our Roman Catholic friends number a little over one-third, the figures being 2,833,041. Of the Protestant denominations the curious fact is apparent that the Methodists, who numerically ranked second in 1901, are now third, having changed places with our Presbyterian friends. The Church of England in the ten years has, however, made the greatest strides, due possibly to the large immigration of English people in recent years, and at the next census it will not be surprising if the figures show that they are the strongest Protestant denomination.

The comparative statement of figures of the principal religious bodies is certainly worthy of consideration. It is as follows:

	1911.	1901.
Roman Catholics,	2,833,041	2,229,600
Presbyterians ..	1,115,324	842,442
Methodists	1,079,892	916,886
Anglicans	1,043,017	681,494
Baptists	382,666	318,005
Lutherans	229,864	92,524
Greek Church ..	88,507	15,630
Jews	74,564	16,401
Mennonites	44,611	31,797
Congregationalists	34,054	28,293

Looking at the record by provinces it is observed that Quebec shows a total number of Roman Catholics of 1,724,683; Ontario, 484,997, and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, each about 145,000. Of the Anglican community there are in the Province of Ontario, 489,704; British Columbia furnishinng the next highest figure, 104,972; Quebec being third with 102,684.—Ottawa Journal.

Split 40 Cords At Age of 85

A VERY INTERESTING CASE.

Few men of eight-five years of age can boast of much else but poor health and failing strength. And such was the condition of Mr. Benj. Marsh, who is known to every soul in the neighborhood of his home at Lime Lake, Ont.

"Quite unsolicited," writes Mr. Marsh, "I wish to say how I have been bothered for years with stomach trouble. I tried everything I could think of without benefit. I was terribly afflicted with swelling and gas, and had much distress between meals. I tried everything I could think of, but without benefit. Then I was recommended Nerviline. My, but Nerviline did me a power of good—made a new man of me, so that within the last three weeks I have been able to split about forty cords of stove wood. I will always stick to Nerviline and will always recommend it, and would like to meet anyone and convince them it in doubt as to what Nerviline has done for me."

Large family size bottles, 50c.; small size, 25c., at all storekeepers and druggists or The Catarrhozone Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

FORESTRY FACTS.

Useful Information Issued by Dominion Forestry Branch.

There are now twenty-seven technically trained foresters in the permanent employ of the Dominion Forestry Branch.

The library of the Forestry Branch, Ottawa, contains over 1,200 volumes and more than 4,500 photographs of forestry work in Canada and elsewhere.

Over 789,000,000 shingles, one-half of the entire shingle production of Canada in 1912, were manufactured in B.C. Western red cedar was used exclusively.

Stopping ground-fires in the forest by trenching can now be easily and quickly done by planting a long string of dynamite cartridges in advance of the fire, at intervals of two feet. When these are exploded simultaneously by means of an electric current, the result is a ditch four feet wide and two feet deep, which effectually stops the fire.

The ghostly glimmering of poplar ships and stumps, frequently observed in Canadian forests at night, is due to a fungus known as the 'shoe-string' fungus, which is commonly found on large-sized poplars throughout Canada. It causes a yellowish-white rot which detracts much from the value of this wood. The presence of this fungus is externally indicated by the mushroom-like fruiting bodies which cluster around the base of the trees. Infected trees should, when possible, be cut down and used for fire-wood.

Over twelve thousand letters have already been received this year at the Dominion Government Forest Nursery Station at Indian Head (Sask.), and almost two and three-quarter million trees distributed for planting on the farms of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. To accommodate this constantly increasing demand, a branch nursery has recently been established near Saskatoon. Nine inspectors supervise these prairie-farm plantations, and give personal advice to the farmers, and the Forestry Branch, Ottawa, issues bulletins free of charge to anyone interested in this work in Canada or elsewhere.

A new bulletin is now available at the Forestry Branch, Ottawa, describing some simple and inexpensive methods of preserving fence-posts from decay. It has been found that the generous application of hot creosote to well-seasoned posts stripped of bark, even when only painted on with a brush, will add at least ten years to the life of the least durable woods. Many common Canadian woods which hitherto decayed too rapidly to be used are thus made available for fence-posts. The saving in first cost and transportation more than balances the cost of treatment, while the cost of placing the post will be much less when considered as an annual charge.

Probably the strongest timber in the world is a species of eucalyptus, known as yate, which grows to a considerable size in Australia. Its average tensile strength is 24,000 pounds per square inch; in other words a bar of this wood one inch square will (in theory, at least) hold up a weight of twelve tons. This is equal to good cast iron. No similar tests of Canadian woods have as yet been made, but at the Forest Products Laboratories, recently established by the Dominion Government at McGill University, it is proposed to investigate the mechanical properties of native tree-species, with a view of determining, on a scientific basis, their utility for structural work.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

"Just Like a Man."

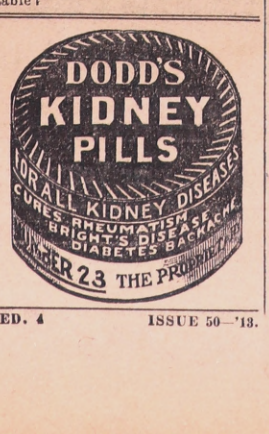
"Great Scott, woman! Are you trying to ruin me?"

"Why, Henry, you don't even know what I paid for the gown!"

"I know that any gown that looks as bad as that one costs more than I can afford to pay."

LIQUID SULPHUR cures ECZEMA.

The following is a good story relating to the late Earl of Shaftesbury. It is said that the Earl once called a meeting in connection with certain work, and only two people turned up—himself and a very fat reporter. After waiting and no one else coming, the Earl said he would dictate his intended speech. The reporter took out his notebook, and the Earl began:—"At a large and respectable meeting held ——" "But that's not quite correct," objected the reporter, as he swept his hand round the empty hall. "Come, come," said his Lordship; "are you not large and am I not respectable?"



WHOLE BODY A SOLID RASH

Thick, Fine and Red. Agony of Itching and Burning Frightful. One Cake of Cuticura Soap and Box of Cuticura Ointment Cured.

Lower Onslow, N. S.—"At first we thought my child's trouble was his teeth. The whole body was a solid rash and at the arm pits and elbows and thighs the skin came off as if he had been scalded. It was a very thick fine rash, red in color and intensely itchy and burning. The skin just wiped off leaving a raw sore with little specks of yellow matter in them. The skin on every finger split down on each side and looked like a ruffle. His toes broke out in little yellow pimples and the bottom of his feet did the same and he would say he could not walk, that there were pins sticking in his feet.

"The agony of itching and burning was something frightful. If he got a chance he would scratch the skin right off and make a sore, but to prevent that I made mittens for him out of cotton. Every night from twelve o'clock until three in the morning he would have to be taken up out of bed and rocked, his sufferings were so bad.

"With no permanent cure in sight I got the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. The first night the child slept the whole night through, the first night for four months. I am thankful to say the cure was complete and I just got one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment." (Signed) Mrs. Samuel Higgins, May 17, 1913.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold everywhere. For liberal free sample of each, with 32-p. book, send post-card to Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Dept. D, Boston, U. S. A.

Women with Sallow Skin Here Is a Good Treatment!

You Get Results Quickly.

Womanly beauty is largely the outward expression of health.

Every woman with pale cheeks and poor complexion needs medicine—needs a potent tonic to regulate her system.

To tone up the stomach— to insure good digestion— to give new life and vitality to the whole system—where is there a remedy like Dr. Hamilton's Pills?

Dr. Hamilton's Pills enable you to eat what you like—they correct constipation— make nourishing blood—instil force and vim into a run-down system.

If nervous and can't sle p your remedy is Dr. Hamilton's Pills—they search out the cause of your condition and you rise in the morning refreshed, strong, vigorous, ready for the day's work.

Dr. Hamilton asks every weak and debilitated person to use his Mandrake and Butternut Pills. They make old folks feel young, and weak folks feel strong. Their effects upon insomnia and langour is marvellous. Hundreds declare they soothe and quiet the nerves so that a good night's rest always follows their use.

To look well, to feel well, to keep well, use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. They are mild, cleansing, strengthening—good for the young or old. Sold by all dealers in 25c. boxes.

First Maker of False Teeth.

Until little more than a century ago humanity had to rub along without false teeth, of which nowadays one firm alone claims to sell over 12,000,000 a year. One of the first successful makers was Giussepangelo Fonzi, an Italian dentist, who began practice in Paris in 1798, and, thanks to his skillful treatment of Lucien Bonaparte, soon made his way. After years of experiment he discovered the substance from which artificial teeth are made, and received the gold medal of the French Academy of Science. One of the earliest persons fitted with false teeth was the Empress of Russia. After Waterloo Fonzi migrated to London, and then to Madrid, where Ferdinand VII. rewarded him with a yearly pension of a thousand ducats for a set of false teeth.

The Line of Demarcation.

A year ago her dearest friend consoled her thus:

"I wouldn't worry about it, dear. It is quite becoming to some people to be thin."

At present her dearest friend offers her this consolation:

"Don't worry, dear. What if you have gained five pounds? You aren't really what one might call fat, you know."

WILL U.S. ANNEX CANADA?

Uncle Sam has about as much chance to do so as a cheap acid corn salve has of curing a corn. Nothing gives such satisfaction as Putnam's Corn Extractor, which cures painlessly in twenty-four hours. Use only "Putnam's," 25c. at all dealers.

Inconsiderate Man.

"Men are inconsiderate things," observes the bride of a few months.

"You are not growing pessimistic already?" smiles her friend.

"Well, they are selfish. Yesterday Harry had the cook broil for him the nice lamb chops I had ordered for my dog."

Try Murine Eye Remedy

If you have Red, Weak, Watery Eyes or Granulated Eyelids. Doesn't Smart—Soothes Eye Pain. Druggists Sell Murine Eye Remedy, Liquid, 25c, 50c. Murine Eye Salve in Aseptic Tubes, 25c, 50c. Eye Books Free by Mail.

Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago — An Eye Tonic Good for All Eyes that Need Care

If you want work well done select a busy man—the other kind has no time.

LIQUID SULPHUR cures sore feet.

"What are you so dumpy about, Maud?" "Father told me this morning that if I didn't go off this season I should have to learn something!"

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Eggs and Energy.

We of to-day are more careful of the nutritive values of our food than were our ancestors. The stress and strain of modern times entails that duty upon us. Whether we are healthier or happier is a question. As a food eggs have always been valued. It is not generally known, however, that to brain workers and to those whose work demands concentration of their thinking powers there is no bigger nerve-feeder than the humble egg. Scientists aver that a chemical substance called lecithin is vitally important to the life of the nerve centres. It is the undue expenditure of this substance that causes brain-fag and general nervous collapse. Many nerve specialists prescribe lecithin to their patients, the dose being fifteen grains a day in all. The yoke of an average sized egg contains sixteen grains of lecithin, so that one egg eaten every day contains sufficient nerve tonic to enable the functions of the brain to keep at concert pitch.

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Extending from Cairo to the Pyramids of Gizeh is an electric trolley line which is used chiefly by tourists. The trunks of huge palm trees serve as trolley poles to support the overhead conductor, and the contrast between the modern hurrying motorcars and the peaceful centuries-old tombs of the Pharoahs holds the interest of many a comtemplative traveler. At one side of the trolley conductor on bell-shaped insulators are run the feeders, which, like the trolley wire are of bright, hard-drawn copper.

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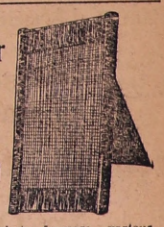

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SEVEN-CENT EGGS

Eggs have risen to 84 cents a dozen in New York City, and meat, too, is scarce and high. There is an easy explanation for the meat. The ranges are disappearing, the stock-raising business has not been readjusted to the idea of getting along without range stockers and feeders, and pending that readjustment at least scarcity and high prices are inevitable.

But eggs don't require big areas for their production. No great capital is required to produce them. The poultry and egg business is profitable. Why don't more people get into it? The answer seems to be that folk are not caring about earning modest money in modest ways any more. They don't want to be bothered with "a few hens" or a "kitchen garden," such as used to belong to almost every village and small town home. Who "makes garden" nowadays in his "back yard?" Yes, there are some of him left, true enough; but his kind is disappearing. Most of him lives where he can't make a garden; he is fussing with a spark plug instead of a spade.

1912 LUMBER PRODUCTION.

Marked Decrease From Cut Of 1911.

The total cut of lumber in Canada in 1912 was 4, 389, 723, 000 feet, board measure, valued at $69,475,784, which production represents a decrease of ten per cent from that of 1911. There was a greater or less decrease in each province except Saskatchewan, where during 1912 the cut increased by 16 per cent, 99 per cent of the lumber there produced being spruce. Ontario still leads the provinces in lumber production, cutting 31.6 per cent of the total; British Columbia makes a close second, and, as its percentage production is increasing, while that of Ontario is falling off, the position of these two provinces may possibly be reversed in the report for 1913.

Twenty-eight different kinds of wood were reported as being sawn into lumber in 1912, the leading species being spruce, white pine, Douglas fir and hemlock. The cut of these species is increasing every year, with the exception of white pine, which has remained practically stationary since 1909 and which from present indications, will soon take third or fourth place.

There were also cut in Canada during this period 1,578,343,000 shingles valued at $3,172,319; 899,016,000 lath valued at $2,064,622, and 62,906 tons of square timber, valued at $1,825,154. The increase of 89.9 per cent in the cut of square timber is noteworthy, for this is the first increase since 1877.

Detailed statistics regarding the production of lumber, lath, square timber and shingles for 1912 can be obtained from the Director of Forestry, Ottawa.

NOVEMBER REPORT

For Glen Ross School.

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H. T. McMullen.

A little while ago the whole country was stirred up over the question of censoring moving pictures and vaudeville. Now it is the smutty magazines that are receiving attention. The thing has been gradually coming on for some time without attracting much comment, but of late, has become so blatant that everybody is talking about it. Time was when a citizen riding on a train or car could pull a magazine out of his pocket and read it without the slightest suspicion but all is changed. Carrying home a magazine now ranks along with carrying a quart of whiskey or a box of poker chips.

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CHILD WEDDINGS IN INDIA.

Candy Kept the Baby Partners Quiet During the Ceremony.

Four hundred marriages were performed simultaneously at the last wedding celebration at Surat among members of the Lewa Kunbi caste.

None of the brides was more than twelve years of age, the majority being from one to seven years old, while the bridegrooms varied from three to nine. Most of the contracting parties sat or lay on the laps of their parents during the ceremony and were given sweets to keep them quiet.

The caste only celebrates every ten or twelve years.

These baby brides, of course, do not join their husbands when they are married. They wait until they reach the age of ten or eleven, when there is a second marriage. Should a baby bride's husband die before she reaches the age for the second marriage she becomes a widow and has to remain so all her life. In such cases the widow at once loses caste. Her ornaments are taken off her, and she becomes a sort of outcast, hardly treated, looked down upon and generally made a household drudge.

The husband, on the other hand, should his baby bride die before the second marriage, may marry again. In fact, he is expected to do so within a few months of the death of the bride.—Bombay Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

Women Fonder of Life Than Men.

If Prussian statistics give any idea of the relative proportion, then women must be much fonder of life than men, for more than three men commit suicide for every woman who takes her own life.

The number of suicides in Prussia showed a slight decrease in 1911, when 21 cases were registered for each 100,000 of the population, as compared with 22 in 1910. The actual number of persons who took their own lives was 8,422, of whom 6,394 were men and 2,028 were women.

Make the Plunge.

To do anything worth while in the world we must not stand shivering on the brink and thinking of the cold and the danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can.—Sidney Smith.

All Beneath Her.

Clare—Do you think you could bring yourself to marry a man your intellectual inferior? Lydia—I suppose I shall have to.—London Opinion.

A fool at forty will never be wise.—Irish Proverb.

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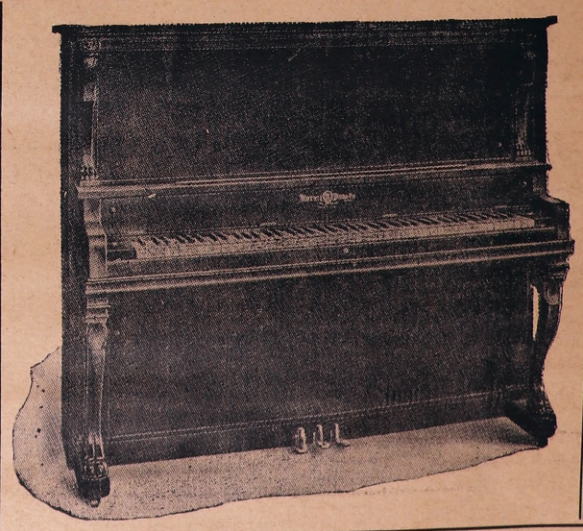

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AN OPEN LETTER

To The Rate Payers Of The Township Of Rawdon And General Public.

I wish to express a few words to set you aright in the matter of my grievance with the reeve and council of the township of Rawdon. In the first place these certain appertures letting the water from my place through the township road are not sufficient to let off the water only in the summer and fall when the ground takes up a large part of it, holding the water back on me in the spring until I cannot make tillage use of it for 6 years, ever since I came back on the place, was away about 15 years, while away this half mile of road was put upon the council and I am not allowed to do my road work on that part of the road at the side of my place, and that while I was away the council of the township of Rawdon about 8 or 9 years ago paid for new stone butment to be placed inside of the old butments of large flat stone of two or two and a half feet wide, on each side of apperture and building them straight up to the under part of bridge, cover, and stringers that it reduced the size of apperture converting a once bridge to a large culvert, this way of action to reduce the expense of the township in making a bridge strong enough to carry the threshing outfit over, but such actions has been my grievance, as I requested the council for over 5 years from time to time, to remove those butments and also requested them to enlarge the appertures and to see that water would not back on me, or be held back on me. Nothing whatever has been done but snug them up against old butments making the apperture a trifle larger than my grievance, but a long ways from being the size of apperture twenty-five years and more ago, at that time it likely was sufficient, as the first bridge was built to span the creek and any large rains or freshets in the spring of the year would either wash the bridge away or go around the approaches to the bridge before the road was graded through the flats. There has been considerable time and money spent before I left my place and while I was away up to May 1908 and ever since then to make a possible highway. Since grading across the flats shuts off the high water from going around the bridge of the once natural lands. It ought to strike any intelligent person that the appertures as we have to call them now since it is graded, should be larger not smaller than they were at first when the bridge spanned the creek, and that if they were large enough now the water would go through as it does above me on the same course of water without tearing away the road-bed or grade or washing the bridge away at our expense as tax payers. Such are the conditions of affairs on this road which causes me and traffic considerable damages, as the water backs and floods back on me from the height of the grade on account of not large enough appertures to let it off, and also that the ditch on the high way is not large enough to take it away as this ditch from apperture is on the opposite side of the road grade from me, which was partially cleaned out for the first last fall or rather 1912 in the fall, of a narrow gage not over half the size of the drainage through my flats, and it has also the height of grade to contend with making it also of a more difficult passage from the old way, that in cleaning out this said ditch or creek last fall it was only to a new outlet it was not cleaned out to the full length of the established water-course of the council. Work some years ago changing this course makes a difficulty with me or the council, whether the man below me would be compelled by them or me to open a ditch where they left off or not, without trouble, some of those different loops of water-courses now on the man below me are new ones caused by not large enough appertures and the grading of the road, causing the water to back on me and rushing at different places across the grade, and going in different directions across the man below me tearing considerable ways some places, quite a damage thereby caused to this man which could be avoided if properly attended to. If the apperture was large enough and the creek or ditch large enough continued to either the established outlet from the road or a new outlet if the council can establish a new one I am and I think any fair minded man will bear me up that the way the water is divided at different places crossing the grade will cause different courses to be torn up on the man below me. If one conscientiously considers the matter over will agree with me that if the water has its natural way, that is kept in one bed it will make its own course as it did years ago, without any ditching whatever. Unless it was for an individual's benefit to have it straightened for his particular benefit in tilling or working his own lands. The water washing over this road narrows and fills up this ditch year after year, more or less the backing of the water on me from this grade not only keeps these flats soaked and sour, but floods herrick and other wild weed seed, that I have had to pull and mow down from year to year since spring of 1908, now making six seasons to contend with it besides taking my fences away more or less each year. And I have tried to plow it different times and also had men to try to plow it, one man succeeded in plowing it once since 1908 but could not get on it to till it the next season not even to level it down that season as it was something terrible to plow and the man was and is a first class workman and said it was the worst he ever did plow, and it is somewhat rougher now than it was then, and as to the grass previous to their plowing and since 1908 and since plowing the grass is fit for nothing as it grows like grapevines, a kind of water grass with a dirty rust on the under side of it, and the stock has not any use for it only bedding. These lands were the best producing lands before I left the farm and would be to-day if these conditions never existed. As to the waters backing from the high waters from the river some two miles away, it is lies, there is no truth whatever in it, it is by the council and their friends to defend them in their meanders or want of proper judgment to act as men, as their duty calls them publicly to do as councilmen for the public. Any reasonable men with true spirits then spirits would lead their brains that if the waters were backed from the river it would be somewhat dead waters, and dead waters tell no tales of water-courses as they exist on the man below me, they would exist as somewhat drowned lands do, some as exists on my own low lands, filling up any ditches or water-courses when it is kept back or flooded back. Now if the present council, as it appears, does not know that they have not acted on that Petition of 31 tax payers, besides myself of the neighbors surrounding this location, there would have been more near by on that Petition had they not been told not to sign the Petition. However I succeeded in getting all others at least ¾ of the neighbors for this Petition the councils action is no action whatever on that Petition the resolution of the council that they would unanimously stand by the decision of the Municipal Engineer if I took the initiative step. We do not need a Petition to call the Engineer on, and if I did think it proper to call him on it be through the municipality and the council would have to abide by it without that glorious side-tracking motive of passing that certain resolution to blindfold me or the ignorant selfish purpose for support. Such a council and such selfishness on the part of the council should be disgusted with itself, and men with a spark of intellect would resign from further nominations by the people, and the tax payers, cut out this social friendship and have men in council that will treat one and all alike as tax payers, not as social friends as does now exist.

(Continued next week.)

Hoard's

Miss Jean Donald Burnbrae, spenta day last week with Mrs. Ed. Rannie

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Heagle spent Friday with Charles Godden.

Miss Irene Clancy spent Sunday last visiting her uncle Robert Whitton of Brighton.

Frank and Grace Jeffs spent Sunday at the home of Mr. James Stewart, Menie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin and Ivan were guests of Mr. C. U. Clancy on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Spencer spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. James Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery and children were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackman on Sunday.

George and Jennie Parker and Emma Potts English Line, were guests of Mrs. Frank Bailey on Friday.

Alma Sharpe who has recently returned from the West, is visiting her brother and other friends here.

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One of the worst things a Japanese girl can do is to "answer back" to an elder. If she does so she is considered a disgrace to her family and, most of all, to her "honorable ancestors." She must ask her parents' advice about everything she wants to do and wouldn't think of doing anything on her own initiative.

Conventions are so strict in Japan that it would be an awful thing in the eyes of well-bred Japanese to see a mother-in-law doing any of the daughter's work. In Japan, as elsewhere, public opinion is the household law. The gossip of neighbors is feared. In a way, one can't blame the old ladies for sitting back and watching the daughters do the work. Every mother-in-law has been young herself and once had to work for her own husband's mother.

From earliest youth a Japanese girl is taught that the word of her parents is law. She owes them obedience before all else. But when she is married she must place the husband's mother even before her own.

A Japanese wife must be the first of her household to arise in the morning and the last to go to bed at night. She must help her mother-in-law with her toilet and act as her lady's maid. She must see that her husband and his mother are served before she can think of eating her own breakfast.

The mother-in-law has none of the duties of the household to attend to. All these fall on the daughter's shoulders, but she must do them all just the way the other woman wants them done and not according to her own wishes.

Aside from the obedience and respect due her mother-in-law a Japanese wife must kowtow to her husband's elder brother and to his wife, too. All of her husband's relations have the whip hand over her by convention and she has to knuckle down to every one of them. She must never have the least difference of opinion with her sister-in-law. The latter's wishes must be placed before her own in every way.

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The 96th annual report of the Bank of Montreal is the best ever issued by Canada's oldest and best known bank. The net profits for the year amount to $2,648,000 as compared with $2,518,000 for the previous year, being at the rate of 16.56% compared with 16.21% for 1912. An examination of the report shows the bank to be in a particularly healthy condition. The Capital Stock of the bank is now $16,000,000, while the Rest Account is also $16,000,000. During the year, dividend disbursements amounted to $1,920,000, being made up of four quarterly dividends at the rate of 2½% and two bonuses each of 1%. Altogether the bank has $3,451,000 available for distribution, which is made up of net profits for the year of $2,648,000 and a balance carried forward from the previous year of $802,000. Dividend disbursements absorbed $1,920,000 and bank premises account $485,000, leaving a balance of profit and loss carried forward of $1,046,000.

During the year eleven branches were opened and three closed, making a net gain for the year of eight branches.

A further examination of the report shows that steady and consistent progress was made throughout the year. The Note Circulation of the bank is now slightly over $17,000,000, showing a gain of almost $1,000,000 over the returns of the previous year. The deposits show a gain during the year of $2,500,000, which must be considered satisfactory in view of the many calls for capital made during the past few months. The bank shows a healthy increase in gold and silver coin, but on the other hand, Government notes and other quickly available assets show a slight falling off. The proportion of liquid assets to the liabilities to the public is almost 50%, which is slightly less than it was a year ago, but is still unusually high. Current loans made throughout the year amounted to almost $129,000,000, or $10,000,000 more than those made in the previous year. Considering the many demands made upon banks during the past few months by manufacturers, business men and brokers, the conservative attitude of the Bank of Montreal in holding current loans to within $15,000,000 of the previous year's record must be regarded as satisfactory. The total Assets of the bank now stand at almost $245,000,000 as compared with $237,000,000 for the previous year. Altogether the showing made by the Bank of Montreal reflects the highest praise on the president, general manager, and officials connected with it. The past year has been a somewhat trying one to banks and the fact that the financial storm has been weathered so successfully and with so little inconvenience to the public indicates careful and conservative banking practices.

The address of the president was a masterly summary of financial and economic conditions both at home and abroad. Mr. Meredith reviewed the history of the bank, touched on the trade and industrial expansion of the Dominion, referred to the monetary situation abroad and throughout it all maintained a note of optimism. While advocating a policy of conservatism and caution, he expressed the opinion that the commercial condition of Canada was fundamentally sound.

In his discussion of the general situation, Mr. Meredith described the year 1913 as a memorable one. "In Great Britain the demands for money have been unusually heavy with the result that the rates were higher than in other years. He pointed out that there were many factors effecting the monetary situation, the most notable being the Balkan War, the world-wide trade activity, the rise in prices of commodities and the serious political disturbances in France and Germany. Further, the demand for gold on the part of several countries, such as Egypt and India, added to the acuteness of the monetary situation. Coupled with this was a considerable degree of social unrest in Great Britain. Another disturbing factor was the Mexican situation."

In his review of the trade of Canada, Mr. Meredith was most optimistic, pointing out that the export trade is now showing a marked advance, while the imports are practically stationary, indicating thereby that Canada is paying her bills by the exportation of produce. The aggregate foreign trade of Canada for the seven months ending October was $636,000,000 as against $580,000,000 for the same period a year ago, while in the same period the excess of imports over exports have been cut down from $190,000,000 to $145,000,000. Mr. Meredith estimated the value of the field crops this year, at present prices, at $500,000,000. He then took up each province by itself, showing the conditions prevailing in each and summarizing the trade outlook, closing with the following optimistic summary:

"Business as a whole continues good. Our vast resources have been scarcely scratched, immigration is large, railway constructions active, new territory and new sources of wealth are being steadily opened up and the confidence of British and Foreign capitalists in our country is unabated. A temporary halt can only refresh Canada for yet greater achievements."

The worst thing you can do for some men is to praise them.

"Now, Johnny," asked the gentleman who had consented to take the class, "what does this fascinating story of Jonah and the whale teach us?" "It teaches us," said Johnny, whose father reads practical articles on practical people, "that you cannot keep a good man down."

A Dark Shadow;

Or, A Coming Vengeance

CHAPTER XXII.—(Continued).

They came within the wonderful lights of London, of which so much has been written and sung, and soon the shaky carriage rolled on the asphalt. Lady Edith woke, or seemed to wake, and, leaning forward, looked about her anxiously; then she suddenly drew back within the shelter of the hood; for, late as it was, carriages, returning from dinner or ball, were passing, and she might be seen and recognized by some of the occupants.

Clive directed the man to Grosvenor Square, and presently they stopped at the house. He signed to her to wait until he had rung the bell; and as the door opened he helped her out and paid and dismissed the man. "You—you will come in and see father?" she faltered.

"Why, of course!" he responded, half unconsciously pressing her arm within his.

Sara was standing in the doorway; and as they passed in she closed it, and, throwing her arms round Lady Edith, drew her to her.

"Oh, my dearie, my dearie!" she crooned; "you have nearly killed your Sara with fright! Where have you been—what has happened?"

As she spoke, her dark eyes sought Clive's, and they did not glare angrily and reproachfully, but with a smile of triumph in it. Clive could see by the movement of Lady Edith's shoulders that she was sobbing.

"Nothing has happened—no accident," he said. "The carriage came home without us, and we lost the train. Your mistress is quite safe, but she is naturally very tired. I think she ought to go to her room at once. I will go to Lord Chesterleigh."

"His lordship is not at home, sahib," said Sara. "I will take my mistress upstairs."

"Yes, yes! I will wait to hear how she is," said Clive.

He went into the dining-room. There, on the writing-table, lay Edith's letter, and beside it a telegram addressed to Clive. He tore it open. It was from Lord Chesterleigh, saying that he was summoned to the sick-bed of a relative, and asking Clive to break his sudden absence to Lady Edith, that she might not be alarmed. The chapter of accidents was complete. He paced up and down the room. What should he do? Presently the door opened, and Sara came in with her peculiar gliding step, salaamed, and stood looking at him with a friendly, almost an approving smile.

"My mistress is quite well; she will come down to the sahib presently," she said. "She is very tired; but she is not crying any longer. Why should she cry? Why should she be sorry? It is no matter that she is late, it is no matter that the servants know that she is out alone with Clive Harvey Sahib, and that she come back alone with him at a very late hour."

She paused, the smile still on her face; but a certain look of inquiry, of expectancy, and yet veiled scrutiny was in her black eyes. She waited for Clive to make some response; but there were times when Mr. Clive Harvey could be as self-contained and as impassive as even Quilton; and he said nothing. Sara went on.

"My mistress is a little afraid of her father, the great sahib; she say a word or two as she lay in my arms just now; she think his lordship will be angry with her for being out so late and alone all by herself with you; but I soothe her fears. I tell her that that does not matter."

Again she paused, her eyes striving to pierce the mask which Clive had thrown over his face. She saw no shrinking there, no resentment of her freedom of speech, nothing but impassivity. But the fact was, Clive was scarcely listening to her: he was thinking of Lady Edith, of the course he should adopt. Sara's smile grew more fixed.

"My mistress is very happy," she said in a slow, soft voice. "I have never seen her so happy since she was a child and lay on my bosom. She is like my own child, sahib; and when she is happy my heart rejoices, and when she grieves, my heart aches and grows hard, hard"—she touched her heart sharply. "So I am very happy to-night; and I ask the sahib to be gracious and let his servant wish him a long life and every joy."

Clive nodded. "Thank you, Sara. Will you tell your mistress that I am still here, and will be glad to see her, if she is not too tired?"

"Oh, she will not be too tired, sahib," said Sara, with a glittering smile.

She salaamed and left the room; but outside the smile died from her face as if it had been wiped off, and her eyes flashed threateningly, as if she had been baffled by Clive's manner. Clive paced up and down the room, full of doubt, uncertainty, and a sense of trouble. He knew that there was only one thing for him to do. As he heard Lady Edith's step in the hall, he went, with a forced smile, to open the door for her.

Sara had thrown an elaborate, an exquisite tea-gown round her mistress; and in plain truth, Lady Edith, with a faint blush on her face, her sapphire eyes glowing yet half hidden, her perfectly shaped lips apart as if her heart were beating fast, was a vision of feminine loveliness at that moment.

"It is very good of you to come down," said Clive. "There is a telegram from your father saying that he was called away to see some one who is ill; he bade me tell you that it is nothing serious. I am sorry your father is not here to-night, for I wanted to see him. Not only to make my peace with him for my stupid blunder which has caused you so much inconvenience, but to ask him for something. Lady Edith, can you not guess what it is? I want to ask Lord Chesterleigh if he would give you to me."

It had come at last; and its coming drove the color from Lady Edith's face; she closed her eyes for a moment, then raised them slowly to his. If he had been in love with her, he would have read his answer in that upward gaze, and would have taken her in his arms; but he still held her hand and went on talking unnecessarily.

"I have no right to hope that he would grant my request; for I am not worthy of so great a boon. I am only a younger son, without fortune and with uncertain prospects, while you— But, dear Lady Edith, I trust he may not let my unworthiness weigh against me. Dare I hope that if he should give his consent, I may in time be so fortunate as to win your heart? Will you be my wife, Edith?"

There had not been a word of love in his proposal; and be sure that the woman who was thirsting, craving for it, noticed its absence; but when one is starving, a dry crust of bread is better than no food at all. She looked at him again, the color flooding her face now, and she leant ever so little towards him; slight as the movement was, Clive was conscious of it, and he put his arms round her and drawing her towards him kissed her on the lips. She returned the kiss—she could not help herself—and her head sank on his breast.

"You know I love you," she murmured. "Ah, I have shown it too plainly!" she breathed, with a little sob that was very nearly one of self-contempt.

"No, no!" he responded quickly. "Never by word or look; you could not do so. But I am very glad. You have made me very happy." And at that moment he thought he was speaking the truth; so electric is the sympathy which flows from the human heart when it is pillowed on a fellow one. "I will try and make you a good husband; all my life shall be devoted to the task."

She laughed up at him. "How solemnly you said that, Clive! As if there were any need to try! I'm afraid I should love you even if you made a very bad one, though you must try and stop short of beating me. But that isn't the way to respond to your nice speech." She put her palms together on his breast and gazed at him with eyes ardent and heavy with passion. "I will try to be a good wife to you, Clive. Be good or bad, I will love you very dearly!"

CHAPTER XXIII.

Two days later the announcement of the engagement appeared in the Morning Post, and the usual inundation of congratulations had started; for even before the announcement appeared in the newspapers, Clive's and the Chesterleighs' friends were, of course, made aware of the fact, and there was a concensus of opinion that the match was in every way a most suitable one. Clive's friends in the House, and indeed many of his political foes, sought an opportunity to shake him by the hand and express their hearty good wishes, for Clive was popular with all the parties into which the House of Commons was now split; and Lady Edith was universally admired.

Of course, Lord Standon succeeded in button-holing Clive. It was at a reception of the Speaker's; and the old man was triumphant and jubilant over the fulfilment of his prophecy.

"What did I tell you, my dear fellow?" he demanded with a chuckle. "You were half inclined to be offended, and think me a meddlesome old fogey; but, my dear boy, I saw it coming, I saw it coming! I'm an old bird, and I keep my eyes open. Charming girl, charming girl! Fond of her as if she were my own daughter; Chesterleigh and I were at Eton and Oxford together. Gad, I rather fancy he's older than I am—no, I'm wrong; but he's worn well. And yet he had a lot of trouble with his first wife, you know."

Clive suppressed an expression of surprise, and Lord Standon maundered on.

"Dreadful time, dreadful time! But it's a long time ago, and I suppose he's forgotten it. It's wonderful how we forget! Do you know, I actually find my memory failing me at times!—I wish your father could have been alive, my boy. How proud he would have been. Poor Dandy Raf—! I beg your pardon, my boy! A very dear friend of mine: was at Eton and Oxford with me; a younger man than I am, and yet gone first. At least, no: I think he was older. Ah! There's Lady Waffles—how that woman does paint!—I really must go and speak to her!"

Clive made his way through the crowded room, thinking of the old peer's words. Lord Chesterleigh's first wife! Surely it was not generally known that he had been married twice? Lord Chesterleigh had not mentioned the fact to him. Very probably it was not a fact at all, and Lord Standon had confused Lord Chesterleigh with someone else who had "been at Eton and Oxford" with him. However it might be, as Lord Chesterleigh had not mentioned the matter to him, it was no business of Clive's.

Between himself and his future father-in-law there existed a very warm affection. When Clive had gone to Lord Chesterleigh to ask for Edith, his lordship had received him with open arms, and had told him that if he had had all the world to choose from, he would have chosen Clive as a son-in-law; indeed, that he already regarded Clive as a son, and that any anxiety he might have felt regarding Edith's future was now dispelled.

"I know that my girl loves you, my dear Clive," he said. "And I am sure that you will both be happy."

He had been very much moved at the interview, more moved than even such an occasion warranted; and Clive's heart, always so ready to respond to affection, had gone out to the old man. Clive was at the house in Grosvenor Square every day; in fact, he went in and out like a son; and there was always awaiting him a loving welcome from Lady Edith; so loving that Clive was burdened by a vague sense of remorse; for, try as he would, he could not respond to the welcome, affection, profusion which she offered him with both hands; and, to atone for the lack of love on his part, he was most devotedly attentive: it is always so.

No one seeing them together—and, of course, they were seen together everywhere—would have suspected that the love was all on one side, so well did Clive play his part. But, alas! he was only acting.

On the night of the Speaker's reception, he went home with that weariness which is of the spirit, and therefore worse than that of the body; but he knew that he should not sleep, and he turned up the electric light at his table, and got some work. There was plenty to do; for the conflict in the House was reaching a climax, and any day might see the overthrow of the Conservatives. While he was trying to concentrate his mind on some statistics, there came a knock at the door, and Quilton entered.

"Hullo," said Clive; "you are quite a stranger. Been away? Sit down."

He pushed a box of cigars towards him, but Quilton shook his head, and took out his pipe.

"Yes," he said. "Been up North. Saw the announcement in the Morning Post, and dropped in to congratulate you."

"Thanks," said Clive. "Thanks very much."

"As a rule," went on Quilton in his slow, expressionless way, "congratulations are as baseless as they are conventional; but on this occasion, if you will allow me to say so, there is every reason for hoping that's one's good wishes will come to pass. I mark that the marriage is, from a worldly point of view, an advantageous one for both parties would be impertinent. I wish you every happiness with all my heart."

"Thank you very much, my dear Quilton," said Clive. He was silent for a moment or two, and bit his lip as if he wanted to say something; then he made a plunge. "I suppose you were surprised by the announcement?"

"Surprised?" said Quilton, regarding a corner of the ceiling as if he were trying to think why he should be so.

"When you were here last," said Clive coloring a little. "I told you that I was in love—that I hoped to marry the young girl you saw when you came to Benson's Rents."

"Ah, yes," responded Quilton, as if he had suddenly recalled the fact. "Yes; I think I remember your saying something to that effect. But men change their minds about this little matter. Romeo, who, I believe, is regarded by universal consent as the prince and pattern of lovers, was, if you remember, in love with Rosaline before he met Juliet, and changed his mind."

"I did not change mine," said Clive; then he stopped as if to catch back his words. "I mean—that is, she changed here—no; she found that she did not care for me."

Quilton nodded. "Quite so; and like a brave and sensible girl she wrote and told you so?"

"She did not write—well, practically she did," said Clive gravely. "She was so sure of her own mind that she left London—I was going to say disappeared. At any rate, I cannot find her—and I've tried. Not that it would have been of any use; for she is a girl who knows her own heart, a girl of stronger will and fixity of purpose than one would think. She decided that she did not care for me, she did not wish to put me to the pain of hearing it from her own lips—" He stopped suddenly, and looked up as if he had been communing with himself rather than addressing Quilton, and he added with a short laugh which was not without its touch of bitterness, "But one must not speak of that now."

"Quite so," assented Quilton. "The incident is closed, as the French say in their happy little way."

"Yes," said Clive; "but I should like to know what has become of her, and where she has gone, whether she is well and—happy."

"Oh, I think you can make your mind easy about that," said Quilton; "from my knowledge of that kind of people, I should say that she is all right and flourishing. That adopted father of hers was very good at fiddling; and no doubt he has got a berth of some kind or other. Anyhow, the freak—I beg her pardon, Miss Tibby—is quite capable of running the family. No; I don't think you need worry yourself about Rosaline, my Romeo."

There was actually a note of irony, a hint of sarcasm, in Quilton's voice, which caused Clive to look up sharply; but Quilton's face was as wooden and emotionless as usual, and Clive thought that he had only imagined the touch of satire, resentment. Quilton passed at once to political affairs.

"I suppose your people will be in directly," he said; "and, of course, there will be a place for you. Mr. Clive Harvey is too important a man to be passed over. You will be sure to be in the new Cabinet. 'The Right Hon. Clive Harvey.' I shouldn't be surprised if you should become Prime Minister eventually. I have always been under the impression that moral copy-book headings were composed by Ananias, assisted by Sapphira; but I am bound to admit that there is a great deal of truth in 'Nothing is so successful as success.' You will find that Dame Fortune, not satisfied with giving you a lovely, accomplished, high-born wife, with a most influential gang of relatives, will bestow on you several other things which men struggle and fight and swot for."

Again Clive fancied that there was a touch of bitterness, of sarcasm in the impassive voice.

"You might wait until she does before you jeer at me, Quilton," he said. "Oh, by the way, I met with that woman again—you remember, the woman with whom I had a tussle at the gate of Palace Yard? I saw her in Grosvenor Square; she was standing glowering at the carriage in which Lady Edith was sitting. I went up and spoke to her, and it seemed to me that she fancied that she had a kind of grievance against the Chesterleighs; but she was very incoherent, and I could make nothing of it. I came to the conclusion that she was mad. I mention the matter because I told you of my first encounter with her."

"Ah, yes; I remember," said Quilton. He had risen, and stood with his hand on the handle of the door, and was looking above Clive's head with his usual indifferent, expressionless countenance. "She is mad, no doubt." He opened the door, then closed it again, and said, "'Fraid I've been rather expansive this evening. 'Fraid you'll think I was insinuating that your engagement with Lady Edith would be one of convenience only."

Clive colored. "I am sure you would not suggest anything of the kind, Quilton," he said, gravely.

"Quite so," said Quilton, slowly lowering his eyes to Clive's well-worn carpet. "I'm quite sure that if Lady Edith were 'poor and lowly,' as the poets put it, it would make no difference to you. It wouldn't, would it?"

Clive laughed. "It certainly would not," he said. "I am as little likely to marry for rank or wealth or position as—well, as you are."

"That's all right," said Quilton. "I believe you. Good night." He paused again. "By the way, I shouldn't burn too much midnight oil if I were you. You're beginning to look like a beastly politician—no offence—thin, tight about the lips, dark under the eyes: you know the kind of look: you see it in the House when you meet the poor wretches who have reached the giddy height of a seat in Parliament—and wish they hadn't, some of them."

"By what right does the pot call the kettle black?" retorted Clive. "Why do you work so hard—and look as if you did?"

"I work hard to live—and to wipe out the past," said Quilton.

Clive colored and winced as if he had been pricked.

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CHRISTMAS COOKING

For Christmas Dinner.

Cranberries.—Remove all leaves from one quart of berries, wash and add juice of one lemon, four tart apples sliced thin, three or four sticks of cinnamon, one-half cup of water and two and one-half cups of sugar. Boil slowly twenty minutes.

Orange Parfait. — Dissolve one heaping teaspoonful powdered gelatin in one-half cup of boiling water, add one cup sugar and one pint of cream whipped stiff and stir until it begins to thicken, then add one glassful of orange marmalade and one teaspoonful orange flower water. Pack in ice and salt and let ripen for three hours. Delicious to serve with a Christmas dinner.

Turkey Dressing.—Three-fourths cup of butter, six eggs, one tablespoonful sugar, one cup currants, one cup sultana raisins, one-quarter cup citron cut into small pieces, a little salt, wineglass of sherry or brandy, five or six pieces Dutch toast or dry bread grated fine. Stir the butter and eggs to a cream, add the sugar and salt. Just before filling it into the turkey breast add the bread crumbs and whites of eggs beaten well to a froth, then currants, raisins, and citron, lastly the sherry.

Homemade Mints. — Make a fondant of two cups sugar, one-half cup clear syrup, one-half cup water. Boil to a soft ball stage, partly cool, then beat till cold. Melt until it will run from a spoon a small portion at a time in a cup set in boiling water. Color with fruit coloring and flavor the white with peppermint, the pink or other colors with wintergreen. Drop small spoonfuls on paraffin paper and let harden. With a little practice one can make them of equal size. These are superior to the ones sold in confectionries and can be made for a few cents a pound.

Puddings.

English Plum Pudding.—One tea cup sweet milk, one tea cup sugar, three well beaten eggs, two pounds sliced raisins, one and one-half pounds finely chopped suet, flour enough to make a stiff batter. Tie loosely in scalded and well floured pudding cloth, boil five hours in plenty of water; keep water boiling all the time. Use any prepared sauce that is not too rich.

Plum Pudding.—One cupful finely chopped beef [illegible] breadcrumbs, one cup[illegible]gar, one cupful seeded raisins, one cupful well washed currants, cup of chopped blanched almonds, half cupful of citron sliced thin, one teaspoonful of salt, one of cloves, two of cinnamon, half a grated nutmeg, four well beaten eggs; dissolve one teaspoonful of soda in a tablespoonful of warm water; flour fruit thoroughly from pint of flour, then mix remainder as follows: In large bowl put the well beaten eggs, sugar, spices, and salt in one cupful of milk, stir in fruit, chopped nuts, breadcrumbs, and suet, putting in soda last; add enough flour to make fruit stick together, which will take all of the pint. Boil or steam four hours. Serve with wine or brandy or any well flavored sauce.

Holiday Pudding. — One cup of chopped suet, one cup of molasses, one cup sugar, one cup sour milk, one teaspoonful soda dissolved in a little hot water, three cups flour, one pinch salt, one cup raisins chopped coarse, one cup each of chopped figs and walnuts makes a very rich pudding when added to batter. Also, for variety, a cupful of chopped citron may be used. Steam three hours. Serve warm with vanilla or any preferable sauce. This pudding can be made several days before wanted and resteamed and is as delicious as when first made. Can be resteamed for several meals for small family. Steam in steamer in pan large enough to allow for pudding to rise.

Salads.

Green and White Salad.—One can pineapple sliced, one-half pound Malaga grapes, one stalk small celery, one-quarter pound blanched almonds. Cut pine apple into small cubes, c[illegible]y into small pieces; skin grapes and cut in halves. Put pineapple and grapes into juice of two oranges and one lemon and put on ice twelve hours. Drain in colander. Put almonds and celery into water. Drain in colander. Cut celery with silver knife. Dressing: One-quarter cup cream, whipped; two tablespoonfuls lemon juice, one tablespoonful sugar, paprika. Serve on lettuce hearts.

Fruit Salad.—Three medium sized apples cut fine, four stalks of celery cut fine, two bananas sliced, one cupful English walnuts chopped fine, a pinch of salt, and one teaspoonful of sugar. Serve with mayonnaise dressing.

Apple Salad.—Use red skinned apples and allow one large apple to each person to be served. Cut a slice from the stem end of each apple and scoop out the centres; place the apple shells in cold water to prevent them turning dark. Throw away all the seeds, taking the centers from the apples, and cut the pulp in small pieces; add equal amounts of chopped celery and chopped nuts; mix with equal amounts of salad dressing and whipped cream. Remove apples from water and wipe dry; fill with mixture. Garnish salad plates and place a filled apple on each plate, pour a teaspoonful of dressing over each apple, and serve immediately, or apples will turn dark.

Cakes.

White Fruit Cake.—Two cups of sugar sifted three times, three-quarters cup of butter. Work butter and sugar to a cream and add one-half cupful of milk filled up with water, three and one-half cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, sifted three times. Stir thoroughly and add the beaten whites of five eggs. Flavor with almond. Filling: Grind one-half cup each of raisins, figs, citron and English walnuts, add some ground pineapple, a little of the juice. Boil two cups of sugar until it threads, and pour on the unbeaten whites of two eggs; beat until quite thick, then add the fruit; stir all together; in between layers and on top cover with the halves of English walnuts. Delicious.

Royal Fruit Cake.—This is a large recipe, making three loaves. Can be kept for a year or longer. Five cupfuls of flour, one and one-half cupfuls each of sugar and butter, one-half a cupful of milk, one cupful of molasses, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls each of allspice and cloves, two tablespoonfuls of cinnamon, five eggs, one nutmeg, two pounds of raisins, three pounds of currants, one and one-half pounds of citron; bake about one hour or longer in a slow oven.

Christmas Confection. — A new Christmas confection, delicious and quickly made, is made by cutting rich fruit cake thinly and dipping squares, triangles, or circles in melted sweet chocolate. This bonbon is a delightful "find" in the Christmas box.

Pumpkin for Christmas.

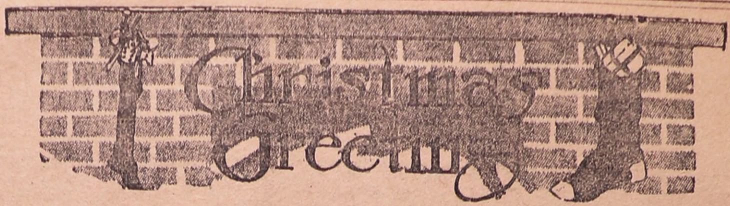
Pumpkin Chips.— Pumpkin chips are quite a novelty. Select a deep colored pumpkin, peel, and slice thin; [illegible] chips add a gill of lemon [illegible] grated lemon rind; stir well and let stand over night; cook slowly until tender; then skim the chips out, let them stand two days to get firm, then put them in a jar with just enough syrup to keep them moist. These are often taken for an expensive imported preserve. No one recognizes the plebeian pumpkin. Spices may be added if liked.

Individual Pumpkin Pie.—Mix together one and one-half cupfuls of dry cooked pumpkin, one-half cupful of sugar, one cupful of milk, two well-beaten eggs, two tablespoonfuls of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one-half teaspoonful of allspice, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon, and a little salt. Pour into small pastry lined tins and bake a nice golden brown.

Candies.

Delicious Fudge.—Two cupfuls of granulated sugar, one cupful milk, two heaping tablespoonfuls cocoa, and a small piece of butter. Cook until it will form a soft ball in cold water. While the fudge is cooking beat the white of one egg stiff. Take the fudge from the stove when done and stir in the egg, beating the mixture until smooth and until it begins to thicken somewhat. Then stir in one-half cupful black walnut meats and pour into a buttered tin. When cool cut into squares and serve. The white of the egg keeps the fudge from drying out, and it may be kept for some time without becoming hard and brittle.

Opera Creams.—Part 1: Three cups sugar, one cup corn syrup, one-half cup water. Part 2: Two-thirds cup sugar, one-third cup of water. Boil part 1 without stirring until brittle when dropped in water. Boil part 2 until a soft ball can be formed. Beat the whites of three eggs. Pour part 2 into eggs, then add part 3, beating all the time. Add one-half pound English walnuts, some candied cherries and pineapple. Flavor with vanilla.



'Twas Christmas Morn; and little Joan, too tense for idle talking,
Sat cross-legged by the chimneypiece to loot her Christmas stocking;
Out came things bought through Elders' Thought—Joan's dream of dreams ungranted!
With trembling lip, she smiled and said, "EXAC'LY WHAT I WANTED!"

May YOU take from your chimneypiece, encased in finest clocking,
The dearest thing your Dream has seen in that same Christmas stocking;
But if the Elder Thought hath left this Dream of Dreams ungranted,
May YOU, like Joan, make what you get, EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS CAKES

To the uninitiated the baking of genuine German Christmas cakes and confections seems to require more than ordinary skill, so wonderfully are they fashioned. However, by following the simple directions and adopting a few tricks of the trade here set forth any one can produce wonders and soon rival the high class confections at but a nominal cost. Furthermore, the work is most interesting and can be shared by the children, who soon become proficient in cutting and decorating.

The main requisites for making small cakes are a good variety of cutters, several kinds of colored sugar such as confectioners use, a pastry bag and tubes (for this stiff cones of paper may be used), several large, flat tins to bake on, and some paraffin for waxing the same, as greasing scorches the delicate texture and causes the light cakes to run.

General rules for baking are: Use moderate heat and watch cakes carefully, as rapid baking makes them hard and unsightly; never bake more than one variety at the same time, and as soon as done remove cakes carefully from tin and lay on sheets of paper to cool, being careful to keep them separate so they will retain their shape. When cakes are cool place in tin pails or boxes with close fitting covers. This keeps them soft and palatable for an indefinite time.

Almond Wreaths. — Four eggs, two-thirds cupful of granulated sugar, two ounces of grated chocolate (sweet and bitter equal parts), three-quarters of a pound of ground almonds, run through food chopper. Cream eggs and sugar for fifteen minutes, add chocolate, then nuts; when well mixed form into rings by running through a pastry bag and tube, with an opening the size of a small finger; if you have no tube make a cone of heavy writing paper waxed with paraffin.

Christmas Pretzels.— Two-thirds of a cupful of butter, one-half cupful of granulated sugar, two eggs, three cupfuls of pastry flour. Cream butter, sugar, and eggs until all is light and creamy, then add the flour and knead until smooth; cover over and let stand two hours in a cool place. To form pretzels take up a small piece of dough, roll as thick as a pencil and about seven inches long, bring the ends around to centre of roll, cross them, and press ends firmly against the rounding part, thus forming two rings.

These pretzels can be made up in different ways, as follows:

Almond Pretzels.—After forming the pretzels brush with beaten yolk of egg and strew chopped almonds and sugar over them.

Cinnamon Pretzels.—After forming brush with butter, sugar, and cinnamon.

Anise Pretzels.—Add one teaspoonful of fine anise seed to dough and before shaping sprinkle the rolled dough with granulated sugar.

Anise Drop Cakes.—Four eggs, three-quarters of a pound of pastry flour, three-quarters of a pound of powdered sugar, one teaspoonful of fine anise seed. To make these little cakes successfully have flour and sugar weighed accurately, then sift flour three times, sift sugar once, then add to unbeaten eggs, and beat steadily for one-half hour (this is important, as the success depends on the thorough beating). Now add the flour and blend well; have ready a waxed sheet on which the anise seed has been sprinkled; now take a teaspoon and a cupful of cold water, dip the spoon into the water, then take up a rounded spoonful of the mixture and drop onto the tin about two inches apart, making the rounds as even as possible. Let them stand over night (about twelve hours), then bake in a slow oven. While baking these cakes raise much, having the appearance of being frosted, and must be baked a light yellow; if the edges look too uneven at bottom you can trim them with a pair of shears as soon as you take each one up.

Brown Lebkuchen.—One and one-half cupfuls of rich golden drip syrup, one-half cupful of good molasses, one-half cupful of lard, one-half cupful of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda, one-half teaspoonful each of ground cinnamon, allspice, and cloves, one-half teaspoonful of crushed anise seed, and one-quarter cupful of chopped almonds, four cupfuls of bread (spring wheat) flour. Heat syrup and molasses with lard until all is melted; let cool; then add sour milk, sift soda and spices into flour, stir this in, then let stand in cool place at least several days, a week or two is still better, as the dough improves from ripening. When ready to bake roll one-half inch thick, then cut with small oblong cutter (a small cocoa can is nice), brush each cake with a little white of egg, and press a halved blanched almond in centre. Bake slowly or they get hard.

Rich White Cookies.—These can be cut with fancy cutters and ornamented with colored sugar, icing, or chopped nuts. One cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, two eggs, four cupfuls of sifted pastry flour, one teaspoonful of any desired flavoring. Cream butter, sugar and eggs until light, then add flour, knead well, and roll, using flour sparingly while rolling—just enough to keep from sticking—roll about one-half of an inch thick, and cut with cutters well dipped in flour.

Yolk Rings. — Grated yolks of three hard boiled eggs, one raw yolk, one-half cupful of butter, one-half cupful of sugar, two cupfuls of sifted pastry flour, one-half teaspoonful of lemon extract, a dash of nutmeg or mace. Cream butter, yolks, and sugar until a light creamy mass; add other ingredients, knead well, roll one-quarter inch thick, and cut with a doughnut cutter to form rings. When all are cut brush with well beaten egg, sprinkle with sugar, and bake in moderate oven until a golden brown.

Where Christmas Toys are Made.

The term "Made in Germany" is more prevalent at Christmas than at any other time. If Germany's boast be true, nine-tenths of the soldiers commanded by youthful Kitcheners and Robertses are supplied by her, while some four million dolls emigrate annually from the Fatherland to British nurseries. The little town of Sonneberg, in the Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen, is the huge toyshop where most of these are made. Thousands of people—men, women, and children—are here engaged in devising and making toys. Indeed, the spirit of Christmas is nowhere more cherished than in Germany, whose forests of Christmas-trees would make even old Scrooge's imagination sparkle! Unfortunately, the toy-makers of Sonneberg are very poorly paid for their work. A man and his family, working sixteen hours a day, may not earn more than $2.50 a week between them, while at a recent exhibition there were displayed Sonneberg toys made at the rate of four cents an hour.

Holiday Hints.

Cotton wool, from its highly inflammable nature, should not be used at all by children, or by grown-ups at children's parties.

When serving the plum pudding the cook should allow three hours for reboiling it, and take great care that the pot never once goes off the boil.

Shopping is generally a great pleasure to children, boys and girls alike. Let them do the shopping for the house and they will save mother much time.

Children get so tired with Christmas festivities that it is well to get them to take a mid-day rest. The promise of sitting up later will often induce children to lie down in the afternoon.

At children's parties have an early supper. It is better for the children, and, besides this, the fun always seems to increase after supper. The crackers break down any shyness there may be.

When buying presents, give time to the selection, and see that what you get will be what your friends will like. Go to the shops early in the day, before they are crowded, so that you may shop in comfort.

Sultanas for the pudding.—Place the fruit in a colored cloth. Tie the ends of the cloth and shake about well for a few minutes, when the stalks will be found to have fallen off and the fruit will be perfectly clean.

When arranging presents, take trouble in their packing. Tie them with brightly-colored ribbon which in a cheap quality costs very little. Pretty labels with a wreath of holly give a very dainty appearance to the gifts.

The Christmas tree often entails a great deal of work for the busy mother. For a change, let the elder children manage it entirely themselves. They will enjoy the fun, and will be well amused at the same time.

Keep children amused if you want them to be happy. Little girls always love housework, so give them some little regular dusting to do, or perhaps the silver to keep polished. In this way much useful work may be taught.

When snow falls, do not keep children indoors if they are strong and well. Let them enjoy snowballing and tobogganing, only being careful that they do not stand about in wet things. Dry stockings and shoes will counteract any ill effects of snow.

A wheelbarrow full of presents distributed by Father Christmas is quite a change from a tree, and can be had where a tree is not possible. Cover the barrow with white paper, and sprinkle Epsom salts over it for frost, and then put in your parcels neatly packed up.

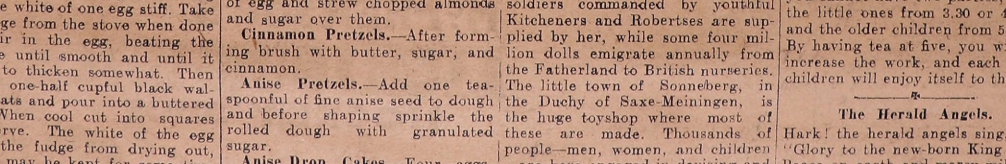
Children's parties are apt to be spoiled for the elder children if too many little ones are invited. If you cannot have two parties, invite the little ones from 3.30 or 4 to 6, and the older children from 5 to 10. By having tea at five, you will not increase the work, and each set of children will enjoy itself to the full.

The Herald Angels.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Mild, He lays His glory by;
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Come, desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conquering Seed;
Bruise in us the serpent's head.

WILL FATHER BE SURPRISED CHRISTMAS? YOU BET HE WILL!



CHRISTMAS IN MANY LANDS.

Shoes Supplant Stockings in Holland—Greeks Stay in Bed.

In Germany, festivities begin the day before Christmas and last until New Years and many of the observed Christmas customs originated in the land of the Teuton. It was these people who first decorated evergreen trees with tinsel, ornaments and presents for children. It is customary for a German family to gather on Christmas Eve about the candle-lit tree and sing hymns, after which a certain kind of spice cake is eaten. Then Santa appears and gives each person the intended gift. After this a supper is served and of course the next day everyone goes to church and later enjoys a roast goose dinner.

Santa Claus originated in Holland, but very soon made his way around the world, though in that land St. Nick drives a white horse and Christmas is observed as in very ancient days on December 6 instead of December 25. The children put out their wooden shoes on the evening before, filled with straw and oats for the horse. In exchange, a good child gets fine presents while the naughty ones are supposed to find rods in theirs.

At about sunset of Christmas Eve, in Russia, the peasants form processions at the head of which, on a tall pole, is borne the "Star of Bethlehem." They march to the homes of the nobles or high officials of the neighborhood and sing carols under the mansion windows until money is tossed to them. Later at night is the masquerade when merrymakers appear in costumes representing domestic animals in memory of Christ's humble birthplace. Supper is served on tables littered with straw, the Christmas trees are lighted and presents exchanged.

"Stop in bed at Christmas and put on fine clothes at Easter," is a Greek saying which explains much of the Greek manner in celebrating Christmas as they make more of a carnival on the latter event. The Julian calendar is used in that country, which makes their Christmas, January 7, and there it lasts for twelve days until Epiphany. The weather in that part of the world is usually bleak and the superstitious ones believe that hobgoblins are out in the bad weather, which somewhat dampens the joyousness of the event.

French people have a legend that "Jean Noel" is heard singing in the mountains about Yuletide and that he goes among the poor people in various disguises. Where he is well received he leaves happy remembrances of his visit. The little ones place their shoes where he can drop things in. As in other countries, the bad boys and girls find whips in their shoes instead of good things—that is, if there are any bad children.

The peasants of Italy usually play sweet melodies before images of the Virgin and Child, and though they never beg, passersby who are well-to-do usually give them food and money.

On Christmas all amusement places in England are closed and no public demonstrations of any kind are permitted, "everything being done at the family hearth." But on the following day, known as "Boxing Day," theatres re-open, usually showing pantomimes of old child stories as "Dick Whitington and His Cat," "Cinderella," and "Bluebeard." It is called boxing day because of the custom of giving Christmas boxes or tips to servants. The King and Queen repair to Sandringham on this day to observe the traditions of old-fashioned Christmas by being served a banquet consisting of a boar's head, beef, and a gigantic plum pudding. The boar's head is usually a present from the German Kaiser, and when presented before the King on a silver dish, all present sing a carol about the King's boar's head and praying that all be merry.

When Spain Makes Merry.

No Christmas trees nor mistletoe nor holly are to be found in Spain at Christmas-time. In their place in each household are treasured reproductions in pasteboard and cork of the manger at Bethlehem. Each one of these is called a nacimento, and around it the family assemble on Christmas Day, when candles are lighted, and the children sing villancicos—that is, carols in couplets. Christmas in Spain is, of course, not called Christmas at all, but spoken of as the Feasts of Noel, which last from December 23rd in the Old Year to January 6th in the New Year. On the first-named date there is fierce excitement all over Spain, for on that day everyone draws for the Christmas National Lottery. Shops are closed, and men, women and children throng the streets, perusing their newspapers, which publish the results of the lottery as quickly as they appear. And the little children in Spain substitute their shoes for their stockings, hanging these on the trees, or hiding them in the bushes, on Christmas Eve, to find them crammed with fruit and sweets in the morning.

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Local & General

Longs can please you in Xmas candy, if pleasing is possible.

Chas. Godden has rented the Josp Q. Green farm lately sold to J. H. Seeney.

Rev. T. J. Robinson of Milverton will occupy the Presbyterian church pulpit on Sunday next.

Hurrah for Carmel Methodist S. S. Xmas Eve Entertainment— Dialogues, drills, choruses and good cheer. We cannot now postpone, though it was so announced a few days ago.

St. Andrews Church annual Sunday School entertainment will be held on New Years evening. Look for something good as usual. See posters next week.

Runnall—Livingston—At the Methodist parsonage, Marmora on Wednesday Dec. 17th 1913. by Rev, W. H. Clarke, John A. Runnalls of Harold, to Miss Margaret A. Livingston daughter of the late Hugh Livingston of Springbrook.

The Methodist Sunday School annual Entertainment will be held in the Opera House on Christmas evening, a fine programme is being prepared consisting of Choruses, recitations, violin selections, dialogues etc.

Admission 25cts. Reserved seats 35c Plan at Morten's Drug Store.

The death took place on Saturday last at the home of her father W. F. Hanna of Mrs Dingwall widow of the late Peter Dingwall, at the early age of 29 years. Much sympathy is expressed for the family in their sad and early bereavement. The funeral took place on Monday.

Josp. Q. Green who sold his farm last week is having an Auction Sale of all his Stock Implements and Household effects on the 22nd. Mr. Green has a very large lot of goods and all should attend as doubtless there will be bargains going and he has something to suit every ones needs.

The Council met on Friday evening last and appointed Monday December 29th. 7. 30 p. m. as the time for nominating candidates for the position of Reeve and Councillors, for the Municipality, and also for nominating Trustees, to fill the vacancies on the School board caused by lapse of time.

A Xmas Tree and Entertainment will be held at Bethel Church, Sine, on Tuesday December 23rd, in connection with the Sabbath School. A choice programme of Songs, Recitations, Dialogues, Tabeleaus, etc. is being prepared. All Welcome!

Admission — Adults 25 cts. Children under 12 years old 15 cts. Doors open at 7. 30 P. M.

Johnson-Linn— On Dec. 3rd at 5 P. M. at the home of Mr and Mrs James Linn Purple Hill was the scene of a very pretty wedding when their daughter Edith Mary was united in marriage to Mr Robert Boulter Johnston of Minto. Rev. C. C. Salisbury of Burnbrae preformed the ceremony in the presence of about ninty guests. To the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs Malcolm Totton the bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her father the couple were married under a beautifully arranged arch of evergreens, flowers and lace. The bride was prettiiy dressed in white duchess satin with overlace, ribbon and diamonds. They were unattended while Master Grant Thain nephew of the bride acted as ring bearer. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold bracelet to the ring bearer a watch and to Mrs Totton a card receiver and flower vase. The young couple will reside near Minto and have the good wishes of many friends for a long and happy wedded life.

LOST

Between Stirling and Thos. Mc Grath parcel containing one skein yarr, one yard black duck. Please leave at Cook and Fox's store.

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Spring Brook

Tom Moore met with a very painful accident last Friday which will deprive him of the use of the third and fourth finger of his left hand. He was out fox hunting, and was descending from a stump on which he had been standing when the gun was accidentally discharged into his hand.

The Sewing Circle here held a bazaar last Friday evening from which they realized over $33. for Missionary purposes.

Mr Dan Mack wishes to have an error corrected in the account of his fires as published recently, his first house was burned some twenty years ago—not five or six as stated.

P. S. Here is a conundrum in economies. If a man that adds $1000. to the wealth of the world by production, is worth one thousand non-produces. How much is a lawyer worth?

Mt. Pleasant

Skating is the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Conger McConnell and children were guests at Mr. David Mc Adam on Monday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams spent Thursday at Mr. Silvenus Hubbles.

Rev. J. A. Connell called on friends around here on Friday.

Miss S. Moore of Bancroft visited at Mrs. Wilbur Garrisons one day last week.

A number from here attended the anniversary services held at Burnbrae on Sunday.

Preaching service Sunday evening at 7 p. m.

Madoc Junction

Mrs Fitchett, Mrs Pollard, Mrs Frank Stapley and Miss Gladys Alley are on the sick list.

We are sorry to hear that Leslie Cooke was badly hurt one day last week being kicked by a horse.

Mrs. J. Bennett of Belleville is the guest of Mrs, E. Bennett.

Rev. W. S. Barker has returned from Toronto while there he was the guest of his son in law Mr. H. P. Kennedy.

Mr and Mrs Geo. Pollard and Miss Lilian of Frankford spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Arthur Andrews went to Peterboro on Monday to attend the funeral of Hubert Spring a step-son of her aunt Mrs. Geo. Spring.

Several from here attended the anniversary services at Foxboro to hear Rev. E. Crogge of Peterboro, a former pastor.

Some of our people spent Sunday in Sidney with Mr. and Mrs. James Gay.

Height of the Clouds.

There is no fixed height for any kind of cloud. Some remarkably interesting measures of the height of clouds have been made at Vienna by an ingenuious method. Advantage was taken of the extremely brilliant light furnished for a great illuminated fountain erected in that city. By means of a projector it was found that a beam of light could be sent up to the clouds, producing upon them a luminous spot capable of being observed simultaneously from points on the earth two of three miles apart. By such observations the height of certain clouds of the cirrus variety was found to be as much as 10,000 meters, or nearly 33,000 feet.

Secret of Happiness.

It is only a poor sort of happiness that could ever come by caring very much about our own narrow pleasures. We can only have the highest happiness such as goes along with being a great man, by having wide thoughts and much feeling for the rest of the world as well as ourselves, and this sort of happiness often brings so much pain with it that we can only tell it from pain by its being what we would choose before anything else because our souls see it is good.—George Eliot.

Remedy For Insomnia.

Mrs. Keepup made it her private and particular business to have whatever her neighbors had, whether it was a question of chickens or diseases, so when Mrs. Gotthere complained to her one day of insomnia Mrs. Keepup was ready for her. "I have it, too, very badly at times."

"What do you do for it, Mrs. Keepup?"

"Why, I have never found anything that did me any real good except just to go to bed and sleep it off."

He Dodged.

"May I ask you how old your wife is?"

"Certainly. You may ask her, too, if you wish."

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Thermal Vapor Bath Cabinets, will appeal to your intelligence, in the curing of hopeless cases. Removing the terrible agony of Rheumatism, Congestions, and other Pains or Colds, the effects of Liquor or Tobacco, sweating the appetite out of the system and the habit for it, is lost with any reasonable person, if they will follow directions. Come to my auction sale Decm. 22nd, 1913, at 12.30 o'clock and get one for yourself.

See Posters and other advertisement in this paper.

Josp. Q. Green, Anson
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This Christmas will be our First one in this Village. It will be the first opportunity ever presented here for the buying of —— ALL HOME MADE CANDY —— for this Festive Season.

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We make practically every pound of Candy we sell. ——No Middleman's Profit. ——We can Guarantee the Cleanliness and Purity of manufacture and materials. The variety is exceptionally large etc. etc. Beside our regular lines, we have on sale some Extra Christmas Specials at prices that are very persuasive. Below is a partial list.

Special Broken Mix 10c 3lbs. for	25c	Peanut bar	per lb	20c
(Pure and wholesome)		Cocoanut brittle	per lb.	15c
Special cream and jelly mix 15c 2lb	25c	Almond bar	per lb.	30c
(Of unbeatable quality)		Maple loaf	per lb.	20c
Special Xmas assortment lb.	20c	Lady caramels	per lb.	20c
(A choice high-grade mixture)		Peanut butter rolls	per lb.	30c
Candy canes from	1c up	Peanut clusters	per lb.	30c
Peanut brittle per lb.	15c			

The Fair sex will appreciate the Foresight that provides them a Holiday Box of Our Home Made Chocolates. A more Tantalizingly Delisious assortment never met your gaze. Reasonably priced There is Food for thought in our Campaign for Home Made Caudy. Buy where you will but

FIRST CONSIDER
LONG'S
NEXT THE POST OFFICE

Personal And Social.

Mrs. T. M. Reid of Harold Was in the village one day during the week.

Miss Mabel Stewart of Burnbrae and Miss Sara Moore of L'Amable for the past two weeks were the guests of Miss Margaret McMullen, Anson, Miss Mc Mullen entertained a number of her Burnbrae friends on the 12th in honor of Mr. F. H. Hutcheson's birthday.

A number of young people from Anson attended the Prebyterian services at Burnbrae.

Miss M. I. McMullen left on the 15th for L'Amable and Bancroft for a few days.

Mr. Ed. Lang of Madoc was the guest of Miss E. Gould on Sunday last.

Gordon Anderson a former Stirling boy, for the past two years a resident of Campbellford was in the village on Monday to attend the funeral of his cousin Mrs. Dingwall.

W. E. Mills now of Frankford, was a visitor in the village on Monday, Mr. Mills although retaining a kindly feeling for Stirling does not get here many times during the year.

Mrs. Felix Rashotte (nee Miss Marguerite Whitty) and husband were in the village Tuesday. They expect to take full possession of their home at Tweed this week, they have been taking their meals at the hotel there.

Mr. Cole and wife a former Moncton N. B. resident were the guests of his cousin W. R. Mather one day last week.

MissKathleen Moore arrived home last week and will likely remain at least until after the holidays. She will take up duties at some other hospital as she found the opportunities poor for learning tho general work of nursing.

Mr. Bruce Richardson was under the parental roof on Sunday.

Miss Flossie and Cameron Montgomery were the guests of Miss Bessie Richardson on Sunday.

To Our Subscribers OUTSIDE the COUNTY

A large number of these subscriptions Fall Due Jany. 1st, 1914.

To all of these Subscribers we send greetingz, wishing them a very Merry Xmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year, and Solicit a continuance of their Favors by a prompt Renewal, or arrangement for continuance. Otherwise, paper will be stopped on expiry.

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JAMES CURRIE.

IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR MOTHERS.

We often sit and think of them,
When we are all alone.
For memory is the only friend,
That grief can call its own.
When days are dark and friends are few —
O'tis then we long for you.

Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Rupert.

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW

A tenth of what is going on in Town, if you fail to take

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For Xmas Gifts Eor your Lady Friends we have

Shopping Bags solid leather in side and out from	$1. to 3.00	Fancy Hdkfs from	5c. to 75c.
Kid Gloves from	$1. to 1.50	Velvet Motor Hoods	$1. to 1.50
Silk Scarfs from	50c. $1.50	Fancy Doilies from	15c. to $1.00
Sweater Coats from	$1.50 to 5.00	Lace Collars from	25c. to $1.50
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See our 5, 10, 15 & 25c Tables, for Bargains For your Gentlemen friends, we have

Sweater Coats	from $1. to 4.50	Fancy Shirts	from 75c. to $1.50
Hats	from $1. to 2.50	Suspenders	in Holly boxes from 25 to 50c.
Caps	from 50c. to $1.25	Gloves	from 75c. to $2.
Ties	from 15c. to 75c.		
Neck Scarfs	from 25c. to $1.50		

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California Navel oranges from	25c. to 40c. a doz.	Jumbo Creams	for 15c. a lb.
Cranberries	15c. a quart	Mixed Reets	20c. a lb.
Bananas	20c. a dozen	3 lbs Cakes	for 25c.
Almera Grapes	20c. a lb.	Salmon	from 10 to 23c. a tin
Mixed Nuts	20c. a lb.	Olives	25c. bottles for 20c.
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The new, church hymnal, the "Book Of Common Praise", at the News-Argus Office. The 75c. kind without music at 50c (good print). The $1.25 kind with music for 90c., also 1 only good $2.75 quality, organ size $1.90, while they last.

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House For Sale

A very desirable two-story brick house with 4½ acres of land. Good Orchard of various kinds of fruit. Good well, cistern and cellar, barn and underground stable. Nine rooms all modern conveniences. Situated on Front street. Terms reasonable and easy. Possessions given as agreed upon.

Mrs Hiram Ferguson, Stirling

Fifty Acre Farm for Sale

North-east quarter lot 21 in the 2nd concession in the township of Rawdon on Campbellford road 5 miles west of Stirling, 1¼ miles from Central cheese factory, 2 miles east Hoards Station, 120 rods from school-house and about 135 rods to church. Good frame house, frame barn, drive house, pig pen, and milk house. Rural mail route passing house every day. Four good watering places. For further particulars apply to

Geo. F. Hubbel on premises.

SHINGLES!

400,000 Shingles just arrived.
Also, Lath and Mouldings.

J. W. HAIGHT.

During my absence in the north W. R. Girdwood will be in charge

POSTPONED SALE

The Robt Caulson auction of Farm Stock, etc., which was to have been held on Nov. 19 th has been postponed on account of the heavy storm on that day, and will be held on Dec. 21 st 1913.

Robt. Coulson, Foxboro

For Sale

A good Working Team, or will exchange for Cattle or Suckling Colts. Apply to

GEO. TOMPKINS,
Harold.

REMOVAL NOTICE

I have removed shoe business to my house on Emma street from my former stand on Front St., and am ready to do neat and satisfactory Repairing, also new work as usual.

S. J. DeMILLE

Wood for Sale

Small standing Oak for sale. cheap to clear the land.

R. N. Blrd, Sidney.

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Friday DEC. 19, 1913

Rawdon Council

RAWDON TOWN HALL
December 15, 1913.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, members all present, minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Mr. R. W. Meiklejohn applied for a rebate on taxes on account of an error in assessments which was granted.

Moved by Mr. Haslett seconded by Mr. Hawkins that the treasurer's pay-sheet covering school moneys, school debentures, county rates, and sidewalk debentures be passed and ordered paid by the treasurer. Carried.

Mr. Wallace Hoard tendered $8.25 for gravel from Township pit.

Mr. M. Sweet made application for pay done to his separator on account of upsetting on 9th. con.

Moved by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Jeffs that Mr. Haslett and the Road Surveyor inspect and report Carried.

By-law to appoint Deputy Returning Officers etc. was then read in open council.

Moved by Mr. Haslett seconded by Mr. Jeffs that the council go into a committee of the whole on By-laws Mr. Montgomery in the chair Carried

By-law was read clause by clause council resumed.

By-law was taken as read and signed sealed and numbered.

The following accounts and minutes were then read

Thomas Montgomery fees for members of Board of Health	16.00
Walter Spry job on col. road By-law	3395.00
Bert Nix grant ditching & gravel	37.00
Lewis Gordineer Com. S. labor	4.50
C. Burkitt culvert lot 11 con 10	6.00
Dr. Totton attending Myrtle Wellman	30.00
Wm. Potts job lot 23 con 3	22.25
J. W. Taylor repairing grader	2.00
John Bateman job on Ryan's Hall	35.00
" " " " Town Line	
" " " Hagerman's Hill	12.50
Daniel Searles inspecting sheep	1.20
J. Bateman repairing Trout Creek Bridge Con 10	5.00
J. Bateman building bridge and culvert lots 2 & 3 con 11	14.00
T. Rupert opening ditch west of Spring Brook	4.50
Cornelius Sine job lot 12 con 7	25.00
Allen Reid job on side road	52.00
H. W. Sabine bal. of salary	28.25
J. H. Booth job lot 20 con 2	25,25
Wilson Harlow 60 yds gravel	3.00
Jas. C. Linn inspecting sheep	1.50
Wm. Wallace sheep killed	7.33
L. &R. W. Meiklejohn cement and blasting material	46.01
D. Bell on Bell View side walk	40.00
J. A. Bailey culvert lot 10 con 2	5.00
A. L. Saylor tile	19.15
The Treasurer Seymour job on boundry between con 8 & 10	69.06
Arthur Scott job on McKee hill Sid. boundry	50.25
The Walker Foundry rails for Hagerman bridge	60.50
R. W. Meiklejohn error in assess.	6.18
R. A. Kemp selection Jurors and Voter's list court	6.00
Geo. A. Bailey tile and fencing	13.65
Geo. Rosebush 75 rod wire fence	11.25
T. Montgomery on Hagerman bridge	4.75
Mrs. S. Armstrong bal. of salary	20.00
Fred Jeffs job on Seymour boundry con 1 & 2	200.00
Jas. McComb salary as Sanitary Inspector	5.00
Jos. Ryan drawing tile putting in tile and ditching	15.00
W. F. Bateman bal. of salary	100.00
Geo. A. Snarr salary	100.00
John Bateman "	35.00
Dr. Potts "	20.00
J. Bateman inspecting wire fence	5.00
R. Good culvert con 1 lot 6	7.00
A. Haslett investigating road work on Seymour boundry	2.00
Jas. Williams chairman special committee	6.00
Thos. Montgomery salary	45.00
E. W. Hawkins "	30.00
A. Haslett "	30.00
C. W. Thompson "	30.00
Fred Jeffs "	30.00
John Cain job on Belshaw Hill	10.00

Council adjourned sine die

W. F. Bateman
Clerk.

FOUND

On Marmora road a bag containing certain articles. Owner can have same by proving property and paying all expenses. Apply to W. HULIN.

As a Traveller saw things when in Stirling

Again old Christmas cometh,
As cheery as before.
With gifts his hands are laden
For plenteous is his store.
Children rejoice to meet him
And shake his loving hand
And merry bells are ringing
A welcome through the land.

As the writer of this letter while spending a few days in the progressive town of Stirling, peered into the windows and entered the store of R. A. Elliott's he was transfixed for a moment at the beautiful and tastefully arranged display that surrounded him, the scene of magnificence and splendour which met the eye on every hand could not find better expression than in the above lines. No matter in which directions the eye might be cast there was ample evidence of that spirit, which at this season is throbbing in the breast of every man, woman, boy and girl, the dear old Christmas spirit.

To watch the bevy of smiling and willing clerks waiting on equally smiling and contented customers, was a sight long to be remembered. As I winded my way along through the crowds, my heart overflowing with gratitude to the Giver of All Good. My eye was attracted by a beautifully worded sign "This way to Fairyland" ascending the stairs the sight that met me was simply marvelous and to hear the explanations of delight by old and young. To watch the admiring gaze and bulging eyes of the happy little faces was enough to make the writer wish he were a child again.

In my wanderings I found a beautiful rest chair with which the store seems amply provided and again drank in the atmosphere of cheer and good will of which everybody seemed enthused. Upon the numerous and tastefully arranged tables are gifts innumerable for old and young, rich and poor 5, 10, 15 and 25 cent tables loaded down with dolls, teasets, games, automobiles, guns, horns, drums, mechanical toys of every kind and watch the expression of delight all along the line as one thing after another came to view made the writer's mind wander back to years gone by and live for a few sweet moments the child life over again. Coming back to the active life again and taking in the scenery beyond we see a dazzling array of beautiful gifts in satin lined jewel cases, hand painted china, brass jardiners, five o'clock china cups and saucers and cut glass berry sets, Toilet cases, companion sets, purses all making lasting and beautiful gifts and we could not help but think of the many joyous hearts there would be at the breaking of Xmas dawn, when Santa had finished bestowing his hallowed store we would fall short of our descriptions of Fairyland were we not to mention something of the decorations which consists of cherry garlands tastifully fastened to the ceiling from which hang suspended beautiful Christmas Bells. In turning to descend my amazement reached its height by beholding a tastefully arranged Xmas tree loaded down with sparkling ornaments and toys and as my cup of joy was starting to overflow I descended taking with me to the full limit that spirit of Xmas joy and gladness,

(In fact I might say in closing, of all the towns and cities I visit, the merchants of Stirling all deserve the highest praise for the high standard of merchandise they carry.)

TRAVELLER.

Obituary

In the death of Mrs. Eliza Bailey, (relect of the late Samuel Bailey) Harold has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed residents. Deceased was in failing health for a number of years, and a stroke of paralysis was the ultimate cause of death on Dec. 6. Mrs. Bailey was truly a mother to all who needed a mother's love, and in sickness or trouble she was always ready and willing to do her part. Deceased left two daughters and one son to mourn the loss of a loving mother, namely, Mrs. F. C. Snarr, Mrs. Sidney Mason, and Mr. George Bailey, who all have the sympathy of the neighborhood in their trouble.

Farewell mother! Farewell mother!
Peaceful be thy silent rest,
Slumber sweetly God knew best
When to call thee home to rest
Farewell mother! Farewell mother!
We must say our last farewell,
Till we meet beyond the river,
Happy there with thee to dwell.

What Happened To Jones

And a lot of other People Is Described In The HOME PAPER

TAKE IT REGULARLY

MARRIED

The announcement has been received by friends here of the marriage at Calgary on Decm. 11th, of Miss Etta Treadgold to Mr. John T. Gilchrist of that place. The bride was formerly a teacher in the Public School and left here about three years ago and has been out west about a year.

SINE—WAYMAN Bidwell Sine a well known resident of this village and prominet in the Hornrite Society, was married this week to Mrs Margaret Wayman of Gilmour formerly of Rawdon. The bride and groom arrived home Wednesday afternoon and in the evening the young folks of the village, in the old fashioned way gave them both a hearty and noisy welcome to their home. Some folks doubtless thought there must be another fenian raid or an American invasion.

REID—WILSON

A social event took place on Wed. Dec. 3rd 1913, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jam Wilson Rawdon Township when their daughter Lillie Evelyn was married to Melville I. Reid of Huntingdon. The ceremony was performed by their Pastor Rev. E. A. Tonkin, in the presence of about sixty guests from Madoc, Eldorado, Bayside, Frankford, Stirling and elsewhere. Precisely at seven o'clock the sweet strains of the wedding march were played by Miss Florence Moorcroft cousin of the bride. The charming young bride gowned in blue silk entered the room leaning on the arm of her father and took her place under an arch of evergreens and flowers beautifully decorated for the occasion After the customary congratulations all repaired to the dining room where a supper was served. The grooms gift to the bride was a beautiful rat coat, the gifts were numerous and very useful showing the esteem in which the young couple are held in the community.

Dispersion Sale Of Holsteins.

Mr. James A. Stewart Sr. who has sold his farm in Seymour east, has decided to offer his entire herd of Holstein cattle for sale on Dec. 30th. Mr Stewart has an excellent herd of 32 purebred cattle.

They are of fine type and constitution and while many of them have not been officially tested, they possess some of the best blood of this breed and are capable of making big records. This sale will be without doubt the largest ever held in this section.

There will also be sold at the same time and place, two pure bred Clydesdale stallions and one pure bred mare also a number of pure bred Berkshire pigs, Rhode Island and Leghorn hens. Mr Stewart's implements will also be sold. Mr C. U. Clancy will be the auctioneer. Catalogues of the sale] will be issued shortly descriptive ef the breeding of Mr. Stewart's herd.

Harold

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr Clarence Runnall's when his youngest sister Valla was united in marriage to Mr N. H. Fleming formerly of Madoc. The Bride who entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her mother looked charming in a pretty gown of cream bedford cord with satin and lace trimmings while Miss Cora Mosher played the wedding march.

The Bride was receptant of many handsome and useful presents, The groom's gift to the bride was a Sable Muff and to the Organist a silver napkin ring. The young couple were unattended. All join in wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

Previous to the Wedding the young people of the neighborhood gathered at the bride's home and presented her with a kitchen shower. All reported a pleasant evening.

Mr E. G. Bailey has sold his farm recently. James Cranson being the purchaser.

Mrs C. B. Mc Guire is home after spending a week with her sister at Smithfield.

Mrs John Bailey who has been very ill is reported some better.

Mrs James Bailey is the guest of her sister Mrs J Shaw of Foxbora.

The Minto Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Waller on Wednesday afternoon Dec. 10 th. Thirty ladies were present and spent a pleasant afternoon. Mrs. M. W. Sine who attended the W. I. Convention at Toronto gave a very instructive report. Music was given arranged by Mrs. P. W. Hagerman. Mrs. W. H. Waller gave a paper "A Xmas dinner and how to serve it." Instead of the regular meeting a special meeting will be held at the Minto Club Room, on the afternoon of Jan. 7th. It is expected Miss M. V. Powell will address the Minto Women's Institute at this meeting at 2.30 p. m. Visitors made welcome

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DOES IT MATTER that a few persons have joined hands and within a few short years have saved thousands of these unhappy ones and can save them all if only there is a little more help and a little more money?

Perhaps it doesn't matter. It is all very interesting but it is no immediate concern of yours.

BUT WOULD IT MATTER if instead of entering somebody else's home and carrying off their loved ones, Consumption came into your home and laid its hand on the one you love the best in all the world!

WOULD IT MATTER then if you saw your husband, wife, child or friend dying for lack of a little bit of the money some other fellow was throwing away?

WOULD IT MATTER when Christmas came if there were nothing for you to do but sit on the edge of the bed and stroke the white hand on the coverlet and realize that this was the last Christmas?

This is how much it matters in thousands of homes in Canada this year and will continue to matter until enough people like you test the burden and feel how crushing it is

It DOES matter—it is the most important thing in the life of some unfortunate sufferer—what you do with the attached form.

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$ 5.00 will provide maintenance for a week.
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Contributions may be sent to W. J. Gage, Esq., 84 Spadina Ave., Toronto, or to R. Dunlap, Sec.-Treas. National Sanitarium Association, 347 King St. W., Toronto.

Farm For Sale

Part of Lots 20 and 21 in the 12th and 13th concession of the township of Rawdon. 200 acres more or less 100 acres in cultivation with a good sugar bush, and 100 in good pasture and woodland, lying with one corner in Crow River, which makes an excellent fishing ground. A large brick and frame dwelling house. Two good drive houses, a blacksmith shop, and an old dwelling house, One large hip roof barn and small barn joined together. A good orchard. Two good wells and a never failing Spring near the house and a good pig pen.

Apply to, H. STEWART,
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For Sale

That pleasantly situated Brick dwelling facing on Front St. Corner also extending to Church Street. A Frame Barn belonging to the Est. of the late Elizabeth Hamilton. Good well on lot and cellar under house.

Mary Helen Snarr. Executrix
Apply to,

Mrs John Snarr, Harold, R. 2

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W. C. REID,
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DECM. 22nd, 12.30 O'CLOCK SHARP
AT
LOT 21, FIRST CONCESSION, RAWDON.

Having sold my Farm and Home, I will offer for sale at Public Auction, all my Farm Stock, Implements, and Farm Produce. About 14 tons hay, several loads of straw, under cover, 1 stack of straw, about 250 bushels oats 40 bushels wheat, 5 colonies of bees, 2 bee hives and fixtures complete; Household effects, carpenter tools, etc. Only requiring what we have not put on the posters for sale.

—See Posters For Particulars.—

Come one and all, I welcome you as I regard buyers as my friends, and come early as there is a lot of different things to sell, and we need all the afternoon to dispose of them. Bring your friends everybody will possibly want something. You will regret it if you do not come.

I have a rare well matched intelligent team full brother and sister 9 and 11 years old this fall, French Breed, weight about 1200 lbs each, good material and make up for any reasonable work or road, also a colt to match, from the sister 3 years old next May and will also weigh about 1200 or more, very gentle, partly broken, John Haight breed from the Clyde blood.

Bring your friends and help me to succeed in fair and satisfactory disposal of my offerings.

Terms of sale,—All sums of $10 or under cash: over that amount nine months credit to purchasers furnishing approved endorsed notes bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum.

Josp. Q. Green
Owner

Wm. Rodgers
Auctioneer.

For the next few Months New Subscribers and Renewals will be 75c when paid in advance.

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AT NEWS-ARGUS OFFICE

CHILDHOOD AILMENTS.

Ailments such as constipation, colic, colds, vomiting, etc., seize children of all ages, and the mother should be on her guard against these troubles by keeping a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. If any of these troubles come on suddenly the Tablets will cure them, or if the little one is given an occasional dose of the Tablets he will escape these troubles. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

INDICATIONS OF CHARACTER

HOW YOU MAY READ THEM IN A MAN'S FACE.

Most Telltale Indications and Those Most Often Observed Are the Eyes.

It is said that every year thousands of dollars are lost through lack of ability to judge a man's character by his face, thus permitting incapable men to occupy positions of responsibility. If this is true, the ability to size a man up is a valuable business asset.

It is evident that such an ability may enable one to avoid many mistakes in choosing friends or a life companion. For example, physiognomists warn us to beware the Gibson girl, for, no matter how much she may be admired on the covers of our magazines, her profile represents the kind of woman that no man should marry. The tilt of her nose, it is said, indicates a lack of generosity; the forehead denotes cold calculation in dealing with man. The mouth, however, denotes the redeeming quality in her nature, that of tactfulness.

No person's character should be judged by one characteristic only, for a feature that indicates one good quality may be offset by another denoting a bad trait. The proper way is to estimate each at its own value and combine all of them. In sizing up a person rapidly, the things to be considered are the facial angles, eyes, lips, and their position; nose, chin and forehead. From a knowledge of the significance of these features one's life story may be seen largely almost at a glance.

A great many characteristics may be read in the eyes. Very dark brown or black eyes denote an impetuous temperament, one capable of extremes of feeling and passionate, romantic love.

The Russet Brown Eye

denotes an affectionate disposition; the yellowish brown eye indicates an inconstant, sallow disposition and little will power.

The ideal of sublime purity is found in the violet or dark blue eye, but it is well to note that not much intellectuality is expressed by this color. The clear, lighter blue eye denotes a cheerful, constant nature, intellectual power and passion well balanced. Grey eyes denote intellectuality always.

The pale blue eye also indicates intellectuality as well as coldness and selfishness. If the blue of the eye has a greenish tint, intellect predominates over the passions and wisdom and moral courage are characteristics of the person. The greenish gray eye is the most intellectual and the eye with varying shades of blue and orange is the eye of genius. A preponderance of green shades in the eye denotes poetry and artful deceitfulness.

The dead colors and dull expressionless eyes indicate the sluggish temperament, a lifeless disposition and cold, selfish nature. A steadfast glance from brown eyes is an indication of amatory love. Rapidly and constantly shifting movements of the eyes indicate the nervous, careful temperament and often suggest the criminal.

The distances between the eyes also have their meaning. A great width between the eyes denotes a susceptible intellect, while eyes close together are an indication of obstinacy. Large eyes usually mean a calm, constant nature; deep-set eyes denote a selfish, determined and harsh temperament. The bulging eye indicates culture, refinement and gentility.

Next in importance to the eye are the chin and lower jaw. The set of the jaw is a very faithful indication of the character of the man. The action of the muscles in early life may determine the character of the chin. Thus, the man with the firmly set jaw has been accustomed to set his teeth in earlier life and is found to be a man with a great power, a man who will not be found wanting at

A Critical Time.

Certain habits often determine the set of the jaw. For instance, no sailor ever has a weak jaw. All crews of fighters, who have been obliged to live on hardtack, that requires much masticulation, have acquired a notable firmness of jaw. The habitual gum chewer also can be detected in the same way, the jaw having acquired a greater prominence and firmness through constant use.

The modern characteristic seems to be a certain weakness of chin and jaw outline that may be due to the fact that our food is largely prepared for us and requires little mastication.

The shape of the chin is of considerable importance in reading character. A chin smooth and round denotes a childlike disposition and a yielding will. The oval chin is an indication of an artistic, sensitive nature, with some talent along these lines, while the angular chin denotes the scientific, practical nature. The protruding chin always means combativeness, determination and power, the receding chin denotes the weak will and the straight chin also denotes weakness.

The long chin indicates a gross nature and the short a timid nature. A short chin, accompanied by full, fat cheeks, often is an indication of the singer. The dimpled chin is a sure sign of the artistic temperament, with talent for painting, music or sculpture. It is interesting to note that nearly all great men had dimpled chins.

The manner of laughing is a reliable indication of a person's depth of thought and self-control. For instance, the chronic giggler usually is a person of shallow thought, while the quiet person, who seldom laughs and only rarely smiles, has a great intensity of feeling and thoughtfulness.

The height of the forehead and shape of the skull indicate brain power. The high forehead usually is well filled with gray matter, while the low, retreating forehead often indicates the low, animal nature.

A Person's Disposition

may be read in the wrinkles in the face. Certain little lines at the corners of the eyes, often called crow's feet, indicate a jovial disposition, and perpendicular wrinkles between the eyes denote a mischievous, happy temperament.

The neck is of no little importance in the judgiog of character. The long, thin neck is the indication of an alert, nervous disposition; the short, thick neck denotes a dogged, pugnacious nature, while the long and very thin neck is said to be characteristic of the old maid. A constant moving of the neck in conversation is a sign of the coquette.

There are certain persons whom physiognomists say should be avoided by certain other persons. Thus, the talker is warned to keep away from the person with the overhanging forehead, for he will prove exceedingly deep in argument. The business-man is advised to watch carefully when dealing with the man with the receding forehead and chin, the large, curved and prominent nose, for he will prove shrewd in business.

And the person with the chip on his shoulder should keep away from the man (or woman, either) with the retreating forehead, slightly turned up nose and thick, protruding lips, for he will prove vicious and will never fight fair.

The person with the sharp, prominent chin and straight, firm mouth is usually an advocate of mutual love, but will take every advantage within the law.

The person who carries himself with head erect and chest thrown out is self reliant and determined, while the one with head carried forward and sunken chest will usually be found hesitating and pliable.

Death Nearly Claimed New Brunswick Lady

Was Restored to Her Anxious Family When Hope Had Gone.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 15.—At one time it was feared that Mrs. J. Grant, of 23 White St., would succumb to the deadly ravages of advanced kidney trouble. "My first attacks of backache and kidney trouble began years ago. For six years that dull gnawing pain has been present. When I exerted myself it was terribly intensified. If I caught cold the pain was unendurable. I used most everything, but nothing gave that certain grateful relief that came from Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. Instead of being bowed down with pain, to-day I am strong, enjoy splendid appetite, sleep soundly. Lost properties have been instilled into my blood—cheeks are rosy with color, and I thank the day that I heard of so grand a medicine as Dr. Hamilton's Pills."

Every woman should use these pills regularly because good health pays, and it's good, vigorous health that comes to all who use Dr. Hamilton's Mandrake and Butternut Pills.

A Spoiled Darling.

Hub—She may not be a first-class dressmaker, but she's the one you can afford.

Wife—But I've never been used to going to a dressmaker that I could afford.

Those Artful Girls.

Maud—Didn't Jack kiss you by surprise last night?

Betty—Oh, no! He only thinks he did.

A man who is satisfied with himself does not want much.

An Agreeable Cure For Catarrh & Bronchitis

Prevents Return of These Troubles.

Every sufferer from coughs, colds, bronchitis and all throat and chest ailments needs a soothing, healing medicine which goes direct to the breathing organs in the chest and lungs, attacks the trouble at the source, disperses the germs of disease, and cures the ailment thoroughly. And this medicine is "Catarrhozone."

"I have been a chronic sufferer from Catarrh in the nose and throat for over eight years. I think I have spent four hundred dollars trying to get relief. I have spent but six dollars on Catarrhozone, and have been completely cured, and, in fact, have been well for some time. Catarrhozone is the only medicine I have been able to find that would not only give temporary relief, but will always cure permanently. Yours sincerely (Signed), WILLIAM RAGAN, Brockville, Ont."

For absolute, permanent cure use Catarrhozone. Two months' outfit costs $1.00; smaller size, 50c., at all dealers, or the Catarrhozone Company, Buffalo, N.Y., and Kingston, Canada.

In Wrong for Once.

"I never knew old Simpson acknowledge that he made a mistake."

"Ah, I did once."

"Really! How did it happen?"

"He put the lighted end of his cigar in his mouth."

Liquid Sulphur

is proving its value as a home remedy every day. Mothers who have children going to school in the congested districts of Toronto gargle their throats every morning with LIQUID SULPHUR. Prevention of disease is better than a cure. Price 50 Cents a bottle. All druggists or SULPHUR PRODUCTS LIMITED, 158 Bay Street, Toronto.

Sir Thomas Dewar tells a very good story of a skipper who ran a small steamer up and down the Clyde. One day at low tide he managed to get his vessel on a mud bank, and after he had exhausted his entire vocabulary in describing the Clyde, his erring steamer, and his still more to be condemned crew, he leaned gloomily over the side waiting for the tide to rise. Very soon he saw approaching the river a girl carrying a bucket. Obviously she was coming down to get some water, and the skipper's wrath flamed up anew. Leaning over the side and shaking his fist at her, he gave her this fair warning: "My lassie, if you tak' one drap o' watter oot here till I get afloat again I'll warm yer ear for't."

A WARM WINTER COMING.

June weather will prevail in California, the land of eternal flowers, the ideal Wintering place, reached comfortably and conveniently by the Chicago Union Pacific & North Western Line, via the fastest and most direct routes, amidst the luxurious surroundings of the compartment, club and observation parlor, or the more moderate priced and homelike Tourist car. Three splendid trains daily—The Overland Limited, fastest train to San Francisco—The Los Angeles Limited, three days to the Magic City of the Land of Sunshine, via Salt Lake City—and the San Francisco Limited. Double track, electric block signal protection, rock ballasting, finest dining car service. Rates, illustrated matter and full particulars on application. E. H. Bennett, General Agent, 45 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.

Accounted For.

A darkey named Dick was known as a notorious thief, so much so, in fact, that all the thefts in the neighborhood were charged to him. Finally, one man had all his turkeys stolen, and he had Dick arrested.

"You stole Mr. King's turkeys?" asked the judge.

"Well," said Dick slowly, "I'll tell you, sir; I didn't steal dem turkeys, but last night I went 'cross Mr. King's pasture and saw one of my rails on de fence, so I jes' brought it home, and, confound it, when I come to look, dar was nine turkeys settin' on de rail."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

It Was Evidently Bad.

It was breakfast time, and Queenie, aged six, was going to have an egg. The egg was placed before her. She took the top off, and asked her mother if she must eat it.

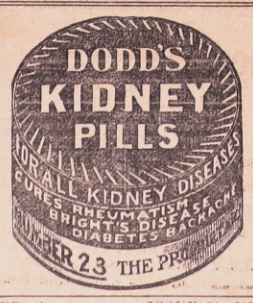
"Eat it. Certainly!"

"But it's bad, mummy."

"Bad? Nonsense, my child. It's a fresh egg."

Queenie lapsed into silence. A few minutes later her mother was astonished at the timid query:

"Shall I eat the beak and all, mummy?"



PIMPLES NEARLY COVERED FACE

Especially on Forehead and Chin. Ashamed to Go Out. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured in Month and a Half.

McMillan St., Oil City, Ont.—"My face was nearly covered with pimples, especially on my forehead and chin. The trouble began with pimples and blackheads and there were times I felt ashamed to go out. They were little red lumps and then festered and I squeezed the matter out.

"I rubbed on different remedies, ——— Salve and ——— Cream but they did no good. Then I saw the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a sample. I got it and began using them and in a week's time I noticed a change. I used the sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and one box of Cuticura Ointment from the drug store with the Cuticura Soap. In a month and a half the pimples and blackheads were gone and I am completely cured." (Signed) Miss Lydia McIlwain, May 23, '13.

A generation of mothers has found no soap so well suited for cleansing and purifying the skin and hair of infants and children as Cuticura Soap. Its absolute purity and refreshing fragrance alone are enough to recommend it above ordinary skin soaps, but there are added to these qualities delicate yet effective emollient properties, derived from Cuticura Ointment, which render it most valuable in overcoming a tendency to distressing eruptions and promoting a normal condition of skin and hair health. A single cake of Cuticura Soap and box of Cuticura Ointment are often sufficient when all else has failed. Sold by druggists and dealers everywhere. Liberal sample of each mailed free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Dept. D, Boston, U. S. A.

THE TURK'S CHARACTER.

His Manliness and Dignity Stand Out In Bold Relief.

Writing of the characteristics of the Turk in The Atlantic Monthly, H. G. Dwight says: "There is something about him which I cannot help liking—a simplicity, a manliness, a dignity. I like his fondness for water, and flowers, and green meadows, and spreading trees. I like his love of children. I like his perfect manners. I like his sobriety. I like his patience. I like the way he faces death. One of the things I like most about him is what has been most his undoing—his lack of any commercial instinct. I like, too, what no one has much noticed, the artistic side of him.

"I do not know Turkish enough to appreciate his literature, and his religion forbids him—or he imagines it does—to engage in the plastic arts. But in architecture and certain forms of decoration he has created a school of his own. It is not only that the Turkish quarter of any Anatolian town is more picturesque than the others; the old palaces of the Sultans in Constantinople, certain old houses I have seen, the mosques, the theological schools, the tombs, the fountains, of the Turks, are an achievement which deserves a more serious study than has been given it.

"You may tell me that these things are not Turkish, because they were modelled after Byzantine originals or because Greeks and Persians had much to do with building them. But I shall answer that every architecture was derived from another, in days not so near our own, and that, after all, it was the Turk who created the opportunity for the foreign artist and ordered what he wanted."

Is Britain Tired of Canada?

We don't think so, but we are sure no man has any chance of curing corns unless he uses Putnam's Corn Extractor. It takes out root, stem, and branch, cures painlessly in 24 hours. Use only Putnam's, 25c. at all dealers.

Knew Him Too Well.

"You've met Burroughs, haven't you?"

"Yes."

"Do you know him well?"

"About forty dollars' worth."

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c.

Her Intimate Friend.

"That girl has pretty hair," remarked the young man.

"Yes," said the damsel he was with, "and she has some at home that is even prettier."

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

WOOD FOR ALL INDUSTRIES.

Ontario Grows All But Eight of the Thirty-four Woods Used.

Practically all industries are more or less dependent on wood. In Ontario alone, exclusive of the manufacturers of rough lumber, over thirty-eight industries, represented by 1,200 different firms, supplied the statistics recently compiled and published by the Forestry Branch, Ottawa, in a bulletin entitled, "The Wood-Using Industries of Ontario." These firms in 1912 purchased 80,46,000 feet, board measure, of rough lumber, valued at $19,161,384, which, when manufactured into several hundred finished products, ranging from handles to hearses, represent a turning over of several times this amount of capital.

Not only is it remarkable that so many different industries, even including foundries, require wood to carry on their operations, but it is equally noteworthy that twenty-six of the thirty-four kinds of wood used should grow in Ontario. The supplies of some of them, it is true, are nearing exhaustion, but this was not always the case, nor is it likely, with the steady rise in wood prices, that this will long continue to be the case.

Mr. E. J. Zavitz, Ontario Forestry Commissioner, says:—"There is at present in the old settled portion of Ontario an aggregate of about 8,500 square miles of farmers' woodlands. It is safe to say that there is, in addition to the assessed woodland, another area of 8,500 square miles which is suited only for forest growth. This means that southern Ontario could eventually have over ten million acres of private woodland." Ontario was once a land of valuable hardwoods, and will be so again.

Another remarkable thing illustrated by this bulletin is the variety of uses to which woods, still common in Ontario, may be put. Elm and basswood are used in thirty-one industries, and ash is another valuable hardwood with a wide range of use. Maple, Ontario's most important hardwood, has over one hundred listed uses, while birch and beech are being increasingly used, especially for hardwood flooring. Pine forms 21.7 per cent. of all the wood purchased by these industries, but it is being gradually replaced by spruce, as the supply is nearing exhaustion. By observing the uses and then consulting the classified directory of manufacturers' markets may be ascertained for cherry, apple, sumac and other supposedly little-used hardwoods, and also for many forms of wood-waste.

Best Thing Known For Croupy Children

A Mother Tells Her Experience.

"Bringing up young children has its responsibilities under the best of circumstances," writes Mrs. E. G. Fagan, of Holmes' Corners, "but croupy colds add considerable to the worry. My little family of four all went through the croupy era, but I always had Nerviline on hand and never felt nervous, I just followed the directions, and I can tell you that nothing I know of is surer to cure croupy colds than Nerviline.

"In our home we use Nerviline frequently. For cold in the chest, pleurisy, hoarseness, etc., it is simply wonderful. My husband uses it for rheumatism, and I often employ it for neuralgia and sick headache. Nerviline has so many uses that no mother can afford to be without it."

The large family size bottle which sells at 50c., is the most economical; trial size, 25c. Your storekeeper or druggist sells Nerviline, which is prepared by the Catarrhozone Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

This Sad Old World.

"If you could have your choice," asked the beautiful maiden, "would you rather have luck or genius, Mr. Smallwitte?"

"I have always thought I'd prefer luck. But that's the way in this world. One always has to be satisfied with what is not one's first choice."

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
Halifax. ANDREW KING.

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Some people use poor material when they make up their minds.

Intellectual growth shouldn't necessarily cause a man's head to outgrow his hat.

The fellow who always wants to get something for nothing can always get in a free fight.

It doesn't take much to please a lot of people who are pleased with themselves.

EDUCATION.

ELLIOTT'S BUSINESS COLLEGE, Toronto, Canada's Popular Commercial School. Magnificent Catalogue free.

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CANCER, TUMORS, LUMPS, ETC., internal and external, cured without pain by our home treatment. Write us before too late. Dr. Bellman Medical Co. Limited, Collingwood, Ont.

GALL STONES, KIDNEY AND BLADder Stones, Kidney trouble, Gravel, Lumbago and kindred ailments positively cured with the new German remedy, "Sanol," price $1.50. Another new remedy for Diabetes-Mellitus, and sure cure, is "Sanol's Anti-Diabetic." Price $2.00 from druggists or direct. The Sanol Manufacturing Company of Canada, Limited, Winnipeg, Man.

DO YOUR STOCKINGS SHRINK from washing and hurt you? Do the children complain? The IDEAL STOCKING STRETCHERS make old stockings feel and wear like new, relieve tired feet, ease corns and save darning. Two sizes, adult and children's. 50c. a pair by mail. I. E. YORK & CO., Waterford, Ont.

A Soft Answer.

She—You really should give up smoking; it affects the heart.

He—By that reasoning I ought to give you up also.

Try Murine Eye Remedy

If you have Red, Weak, Watery Eyes or Granulated Eyelids. Doesn't Smart—Soothes Eye Pain. Druggists Sell Murine Eye Remedy, Liquid, 25c, 50c. Murine Eye Salve in Aseptic Tubes, 25c, 50c. Eye Books Free by Mail.

An Eye Tonic Good for All Eyes that Need Care
Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago

A Season of Recuperation.

"So she has sent back all the presents you gave her and refuses to see you again?"

"Yes. Gee, what a relief it is not to be in love."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Wise Sayings.

Silence may be golden, but you can't buy the still small voice of conscience.

Some people are so fond of borrowing trouble that they never get out of debt.

Some people ought to wear smoked glasses for fear they might have to look on the bright side of life.

There is a good bit of counterfeit virtue in the world, in spite of the fact that it is supposed to be its own reward.

Our sins may find us out, but they have an unpleasant habit of calling again.

Never trust a man who deceives himself.

On the other hand, the lack of virtue is also its own punishment.

It's when the doctor's bills come in that we wonder if life is worth living.

Whether
For Yourself
or as a
Gift to your Friend

PERRIN'S GLOVES

The well known Perrin trademark as shown in cuts should be on every glove you get, as this assures you perfection of

Style, Fit and Finish.

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BEST YEAST IN THE WORLD.
DECLINE THE NUMEROUS INFERIOR IMITATIONS THAT ARE BEING OFFERED
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WINNERS AT GUELPH FAIR

Grand Sweepstakes for Cattle Carried Off by Red Paul, Exhibited by Adam Armstrong, Fergus

A despatch from Guelph says: The grand sweepstakes for cattle at the Winter Fair was won by Red Paul, a two-year-old grade heifer exhibited by Adam Armstrong, Fergus. This heifer, although much smaller and lighter, beat out Roan Champion, the animal which carried off the championship at the Toronto Fat Stock Show. The swine department never was bigger or better than this year. All the classes were well filled with the best that could be bred in the province. The championship for the best pair of bacon hogs at the show went to J. E. Brethour and nephew of Burford, the noted breeders of Yorkshires. Brethour and nephew annexed also the silver cup for the best pen of three bacon hogs, and won many first prizes in the general classes. They took firsts for Yorkshire barrow, six months and under nine, and for Yorkshire sow under six months. Joseph Featherstone & Son, Streetsville, stepped to the top in the classes for Yorkshire barrow under six months, and for sow nine months and under 15. Brethour and nephew had the champion Yorkshire barrow, and Featherstone & Son had the champion Yorkshire sow. The best Berkshire barrow was shown by P. J. McEwen, Wyoming, and the best sow by Adam Thompson, Shakespeare, and these breeders divided all first prizes. In Tamworths, both championships went to D. Douglas & Sons, Mitchell.

In Chester Whites the champion barrow was shown by Daniel De Courcy, Bornholm, and the champion sow by W. E. Wright of Glanworth.

The poultry show has never been equalled in Ontario for quality. Baldwin silver cup for best female in the show—Buff Cochin, owned by Holmhurst Poultry Farm, Whitby.

Russell silver cup for best male in show—Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel owned by John Pringle, London.

Zenoleum trophy for best bird in show—Buff Cochin owned by Holmhurst Poultry Farm, Whitby.

Best cock in show—Bronze turkey owned by W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove.

Best pullet in the show—White Orpington owned by Petrie & Christie, Mount Hamilton.

Great interest was taken in the seed exhibit at the show, and it was with great eagerness that the farmers purchased the various seeds when they were offered for sale by auction. Seed grain brought good prices, oats of the Lincoln variety selling for as high as $4.10 for a bushel and a half. These were shown by George E. Foster, Honeywood. Corn went up to $3.75 for a bushel and a half.

SIR LIONEL PHILIPS SHOT.

The Leading Gold-Mining Magnate of South Africa.

A despatch from Johannesburg, South Africa, says: An attempt was made on Thursday to assassinate Sir Lionel Philips, the leading gold-mining magnate of South Africa. Three shots were fired at him. The attempt was made while he was walking on Commissioner Street. The assailant of Sir Lionel Philips was identified as a Dutch storekeeper of the name of Nissun, and the crime was supposed to have been actuated by revenge for the loss of a recent suit against the mining group with which Sir Lionel is connected. One bullet pierced the lung and liver, but the attending physicians are hopeful of Sir Lionel's recovery. He has suffered much from shock and pain, and no attempt has been made to remove the bullets. The wound in the neck is slight.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL.

Premier McBride of British Columbia Opposed to It.

A despatch from Victoria, B.C., says: Premier McBride refused on Wednesday the request of the United Suffrage Societies of British Columbia for the introduction of a woman suffrage bill by the Government. He suggested that the question would have to be brought up by a private member. "The Provincial Executive is not in entire agreement on this question of the vote for women," announced Premier McBride to a delegation which waited on him. "If you get the vote, then you would sit in Parliament, and it would be reasonable to suppose that some time you would form a woman's party and probably run the entire affairs of the country. That would be a logical conclusion," said the Premier.

NEW WELLAND CANAL.

Tenders for Section Eight Will Be Called For Shortly.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Work is advancing rapidly on the new Welland Canal and section 8 will be the next section for which tenders will be called. This is the section next to Port Colborne, and will be an expensive cut, as it is through rock for the most part. Plans and specifications are now in preparation and tenders will be called for during the winter. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 are in progress.

ADVERTISE FOR RECRUITS.

British War Office Will Utilize the Newspapers.

A despatch from London says: A newspaper advertising campaign for recruits to the British army is to be undertaken in all parts of the country. The War Office has become convinced of the value of the newspapers as a medium and has placed a contract with the head of a regular advertising agency to conduct the campaign during the next year on a large scale. No less than 40,000 men are needed to fill vacancies in British regiments. The advertisement will point out that the young men who enlist will be fed, clothed, housed, get $2.50 a week pocket money, and have free medical attendance, as well as receiving a pension at the age of thirty-six years if the recruit is not over eighteen at the time of his enlistment.

POURED COAL OIL IN STOVE.

Young Woman Meets a Terrible Death Near Cornwall.

A despatch from Cornwall, Ont., says: While in the act of preparing a fire with which to get dinner, Miss Amy Kirk of Gallingertown received burns which resulted in her death. The unfortunate woman poured coal oil in the stove and the flames entered the can, causing a terrible explosion. The girl's clothes also caught fire and she was badly burned about the body. The only person in the house at the time was Miss Kirk's younger sister, who succeeded in smothering the flames. A doctor was summoned, but the injuries were so serious that death resulted in a short time.

U.S. TAKING OUR WHEAT.

Railways Increasing Number of Cars of Canadian Grain.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Minneapolis grain buyers expect to purchase 20,000,000 or more bushels of grain in Western Canada this year under the new Wilson tariff law. Railroads report that southbound freight trains over the Soo line, Great Northern and Northern Pacific are daily increasing the number of cars of Canadian grain. During the past few days the movement has been greatly accelerated, every freight train taking south 10 or 20 cars.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Flour—Ontario wheat flour, 90 per cent., $3.50 to $3.55, seaboard, and at $3.60, Toronto. Manitoba—First patents, in jute bags, $5.30; do., seconds, $4.80; strong bakers', in jute bags, $4.60.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 93 to 94c, on track, Bay ports, and No. 2 at 91 to 92c.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 wheat at 84 to 85c, outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario oats, 34 1-2 to 35c, outside, and at 37 1-2 to 38c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada old oats, 41c for No. 2, and 39 1-2c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—$1 to $1.05, outside.

Barley—Good malting barley, 55 to 57c, outside.

Corn—New No. 3 American is quoted at 77 1-2c, all rail, Toronto.

Rye—No. 2 at 67 to 68c, outside.

Buckwheat—70c, outside, with none offering.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $21 a ton, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $22, Toronto.

Country Produce.

Butter—Choice dairy 23 to 24c; inferior, 23 to 21c; farmers' separator prints, 24 to 25c; creamery prints, 27 to 28c; do., solids, 26 to 26 1-2c.

Eggs—Case lots of new-laid, 47 to 50c per dozen; selects, 38 to 40c, and storage, 32 to 35c per dozen.

Cheese—New cheese, 14 1-2 to 14 3-4c for large, and 15c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $2.20 to $2.25 per bushel; primes, $2 to $2.10.

Poultry—Fowl, 11 to 13c per lb.; chickens, 15 to 17c; ducks, 12 to 14c; geese, 11 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 21c.

Potatoes—Ontarios, 80 to 85c per bag, on track, and Delawares at 90c.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 18c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $28.50; do., mess, $24.50. Hams—Medium to light, 19 1-2 to 20c; heavy, 15c; rolls, 15 1-2 to 16c; breakfast bacon, 19 to 20c; backs, 22 to 24c.

Lard—Tierces, 13 3-4c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14 1-4c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $14.50 to $15 a ton, on track here; No. 2 at $13 to $13.50, and mixed at $12 to $12.50.

Baled straw—Car lots, $8.50 to $8.75, on track, Toronto.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16—Cash:—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 84 1-8c; No. 2 Northern, 81 5-8c; No. 3 Northern, 79 1-8c; No. 1 rejected seeds, 76 1-2c; No. 2 rejected seeds, 74 1-2c; No. 1 smutty, 76 1-2c; No. 2 smutty, 74 1-2c; No. 1 red Winter, 84c; No. 2 red Winter, 81 5-8c; No. 3 red Winter, 79 5-8c. Oats—No. 2 C. W., 34 3-8c; No. 3 C.W., 32c; extra No. 1 feed, 32 1-2c; No. 1 feed, 31c; No. 2 feed, 29 3-4c. Barley, No. 4, 40 1-2c; rejected, 37 1-2c; feed, 37c. Flax—No. 1 N.-W.C., $1.20 1-2; No. 2 C. W., $1.18 1-2.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Corn, American No. 2 yellow, 80 to $1 1-2c. Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 41 1-2 to 42c; Canadian Western, No. 3, 40 1-2 to 41c. Barley, Man. feed, 48 to 50c; malting, 65 to 67c. Buckwheat, No. 2, 56 to 57c. Flour, Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70; Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.50 to $4.60; straight rollers, bags, $2 to $2.10. Rolled oats, barrels, $4.40 to $4.50; bags, 90 lbs., $2.10 to $2.12 1-2. Bran, $20 to $21. Shorts, $22 to $23. Middlings, $25 to $26. Mouillie, $27 to $31. Hay, No. 2, per ton car lots, $14 to $16. Cheese, finest westerns, 13 3-4 to 13 7-8c; finest easterns, 13 1-4 to 13 1-2c. Butter, choicest creamery 28 1-2 to 29c; seconds, 26 to 28 1-2c. Eggs, fresh, 55 to 60c; selected, 38c; No. 1 stock, 34c; No. 2 stock, 26c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 75 to 90c.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 16—December wheat, 83 7-8c; May, 88 1-4c; No. 1 hard, 88 1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 86 1-4 to 87 3-4c; No. 2 Northern, 84 1-4 to 85 3-4c; No. 3 wheat, 82 1-4 to 83 1-4c. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 63 to 63 1-2c. Oats, No. 3 white, 38 to 38 1-4c. Bran, $19.75 to $20.25. Flour, unchanged.

Duluth, Dec. 16—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 87 5-8c; No. 1 Northern, 86 5-8c; No. 2 Northern, 84 5-8 to 85 1-8c; Montana, No. 2 hard, 86 1-8c; December, 84 3-8c; May, 88 5-8 to 88 3-4c. Linseed, $1.45 3-4; December, $1.43; May, $1.48 3-4c.

Live Stock Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 16—The best steers offered sold at $7.50, but the bulk of the trade was done in cattle ranging from $6 to $7, and the lower grades, including rough stock, at from $4 to $5 per cwt. Butchers' cows from $4.50 to $6.50, and bulls $5 to $6.50, while canning stock brought $3.50 to $4 per cwt. Lambs, $8 to $8.25, and sheep at $5 to $5.50 per cwt. Selected lots of hogs from $9 to $9.25 per cwt. weighed off cars.

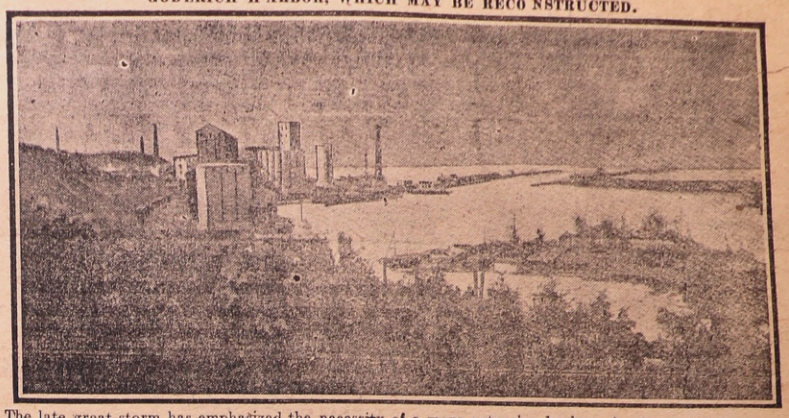
Toronto, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Choice butchers, $8 to $9; good medium, $6.50 to $7.25; common, $5 to $5.50; fat cows, $4.50 to $6.25; common cows, $3.50 to $4; butchers' bulls, $3.75 to $5.50; canners and cutters, $3.50 to $4.25. Calves—Good veal, $8.75 to $10; common, $4.75 to $5.10. Stockers and feeders—Steers, 910 to 1,050 lbs., $6 to $6.75; good quality, 800 lbs., $6 to $6.25; light Eastern, 400 to 650 lbs., $4.50 to $5.25; light, $3.50 to $5.50. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, $5.50 to $6; heavy, $3 to $3.50; bucks, $3 to $3.50; spring lambs, $8.50 to $8.90, but with 75c per head deducted for all the buck lambs. Hogs—$8.65 to $8.75, fed and watered; $8.90 to $9, off cars; $8.30 to $8.35, f.o.b.

ULSTER AND HOME URLE.

Leader of Opposition Thinks Serious Times Are Ahead.

A despatch from Carnarvon, Wales, says: Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, speaking here on Thursday night, repeated his prediction that the imposition of home rule on Ulster would result in civil war. "If the Government," he continued, "has any proposal to make which holds out even a prospect of avoiding the evils we dread, we shall consider it without any regard to party advantage or disadvantage, but with sole regard for the welfare of the nation." He added that the Government seemed content to let matters drift, and that meanwhile the likelihood of reaching a settlement by consent was growing smaller.

GODERICH HARBOR, WHICH MAY BE RECONSTRUCTED.



The late great storm has emphasized the necessity of a more extensive harbor of refuge on Lake Huron.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

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Canada.

A co-operative market branch has been added to the Department of Agriculture.

The attendance at the Winter Fair at Guelph for the four days totalled 41,000.

The Minister of Militia is developing a scheme to obtain militia officers from the universities.

Toronto police officials will seek legislation to prevent newspapers from publishing racing information.

The total cash value of the salmon caught in British Columbia waters this year was $7,619,745.75.

Berlin waterworks extensions are completed, including the largest concrete standpipe on the continent.

Centralization of cheese factories was advocated by district dairy instructors at a meeting in Morrisburg.

The consolidation of lake steamship companies into the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, has been completed.

Two women of respectable Hamilton families who were caught shoplifting were sentenced to jail for three weeks.

Miss Nettie McCoy, of Toronto, was drowned at Callander on Friday while enjoying the first skating on Lake Nipissing.

More stringent laws against immorality and the abolition of race-track gambling were urged at Ottawa by a strong deputation.

Col. Carleton, the new commandant of the Royal Military College at Kingston, has arrived from England.

The official index at Ottawa shows the standard of living for November fixed at 138.4; in October it was 136.8.

The Post Office Department again issues a warning that Christmas seals must not be attached to the face side of letters.

Trooper Mulloy, the blind hero of the South African war, is now in charge of the new Department of Military History at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Henry C. Held, of Fisherville, cattle buyer for a Cayuga firm, was instantly killed, and two drovers seriously injured, in a rear-end collision of the G.T.R. Montreal Express with a freight train near Oshawa Junction.

Great Britain.

The postal employees in Great Britain have deferred the calling of a general strike.

The English newspapers have unanimously decided to suspend publication on Christmas Day.

The British submarine, C14, sank in ten minutes after a collision with a barge near Devonport but the crew of 20 were saved.

United States.

A big demonstration was made at the Capitol in Washington by the Anti-Saloon League.

Wm. Deering, one of the founders of the great Chicago farm implement firm, and a multi-millionaire, died in Florida, aged 87.

General.

Rebel bands swept down upon the oil city of Tampico, in Mexico, but were repulsed.

The "Mona Lisa," Europ's most famous painting, was found in Florence and the thief arrested.

An international fleet is guarding the neutral zone at Tampico, while the Mexicans fight for the city's possession.

Dismasted and deserted, the British ship Dalogonar, from Callao for Taltal, Chile, was sighted October 28 about 1,200 miles west of the coast of Chile by the French barque Mario.

Comment on Events

Great Railway Building.

There is something wonderfully dramatic about the tremendous development work the Canadian Pacific Railway will carry on during the coming year. In clear or foul financial weather money pours out for further improvements. It shows the faith of its heads in the future of Canada and how strong and healthy the financial position is. It sounds very easy to do all the financing earlier so that when there is no money business does not suffer. But it is really very difficult and needs not only excellent credit, but careful preparation. Above all it needs imagination sufficient to look far ahead and allow for future development. Imagination is of much greater importance than people generally credit. In some way or other it has become mixed up with dreams. The imaginative man is called unpractical and a dreamer. Then when it is seen that imagination trained in a practical school evolves something of real value everybody wonders why it was never thought of before. The fact that the Canadian Pacific is going on with this development during the coming year shows the imagination which was brought into play two or three years ago. In fact the executive heads of these great railroads are almost obliged to be looking and living months ahead of anyone else. On their ability to foresee depend their success.

To create conditions for the benefit of their roads, to always keep a little ahead of their rivals, to spend money at the right time and have it when it is scarce—it's a great game, but it wants fine playing. The way in which the Canadian Pacific goes right on with its work is a fine advertisement for Canada. It proves that however severely Canada is criticized at times those who know her better than anyone else are quite ready to back her reputation with all the resources at their command.

Acts of the Playful Savage.

The North American Indian, in his wildest state, appears to be a cultivated gentleman compared with those who are conducting war in Mexico.

Thus we learn that the commander of a military train who was captured by the rebels had his ears cut off, his tongue torn out and his eyes gouged from their sockets.

Then the federals, when they captured a man engaged in the raid on the train, made him sit on a charge of dynamite and blew him to pieces.

How like the "blowing from the guns" in "Mutiny" days, how like the playful antics of an older civilization described in "With Fire and Sword"! It seems but a step from the drawing room to the shambles.

Prophecies for 1914.

The superstitiously inclined, and those who believe in human power to foretell the events of the future, to whom "the sunset of life gives mystical lore and coming events cast their shadows before," may take comfort to themselves in the prophecy of a modern Mother Shipton, who says that there will be no "disaster" in America in 1914. Perhaps she thinks that with her Titanic disasters, the great lake storms, drought, cyclones, floods, mine horrors, she has had enough to last longer than to the end of next year. But we imagine that there will be no relaxing of vigilance or neglecting of precautions on the part of miners or shipmasters or railroad engineers or weather observers for averting the misfortunes that are preventable. Perhaps there is as much common sense as superstition in the makeup of the human race after all.

Talking Across the Sea.

A recent report that Marconi had succeeded by the wireless telephone in sending disconnected sounds across the Atlantic proves to have been premature, though probably prophetic. The reading of his experimenting thus far has not exceeded 300 miles, he says. But he recognizes no limit to what may be done and freely predicts that New York will yet be able to talk with London without wires. When that time comes, think how much greater than ever will be the need of a universal language.

Did you ever pause to ask yourself why there are so many dialects and tongues? Since that dim time of Babel this confusion has multiplied, until to-day the speech of the people varies not only in different countries, but also in different parts of the same country, and even from city to city, and from ward to ward. But of late there has come to pass a new tendency, which is again bringing the speech of the people to a common denominator. It is the work of the steam engine, the telegraph and the telephone.

With interests steadily converging, with travel multiplying, with the white wings of commerce visiting every shore, with civilization weaving all mankind into the woof of a human brotherhood, speech, too, begins once more to seek a language which all can comprehend. It may be left to a Marconi to remove the curse which at Babel, sent the sons of men gibbering into the wilderness. For it surely is a curse to hear your brother speak and not to understand.

A Doughty Oriental.

General Chi Kuang Lung, governor of Canton, seems to be experiencing an interesting time. For the second time within a fortnight he has escaped assassination. This time the assassin tried to plunge a knife into the general's heart but missed and merely wounded the general's hand. The general, however, made much better use of his time. He killed four of his guards merely because he feared their treachery. It seems hard to be governor of Canton but much worse to occupy the comparatively humble position of guard to the governor. Kuang Lung must be a fairly tempestuous, doughty Oriental. To escape assassination by a hair's breadth and immediately turn on and personally execute four attendants needs a kind of berserk rage. If the guards had been treacherously inclined surely they would have seized the opportunity of ridding themselves of Kuang Lung. Possibly the general acted in haste and will repent at leisure. Repentance will not restore his guards to life but may do something for their ancestors. Four guards as against one assassin are likely to leave the general's account with a balance on the wrong side. Still Kuang Lung must be set down as a ready reckoner.

INJURED IN HIS MILL.

John Quinn of Newburg in a Serious Condition.

A despatch from Kingston says: John Quinn, miller at Newburg, is lying at his home in a precarious condition as the result of injuries he received at the mill on Friday. He was discovered unconscious at the bottom of the shafting, where he had been hurled after being whirled about. He was working alone at the time. Farmers who arrived to have grinding done made the discovery.

Thomas Sanders, a colored prisoner, while being taken to Calgary by the Mounted Police, jumped out of the window of a moving train and is at large.

THE WESTERN GRAIN CROP

Movement of Grain to Lakes In Three Months 115,570,590 Bushels, Against 67,367,592 in 1912

A despatch from Ottawa says: That the Western wheat crop for 1913 was almost 75 per cent. greater than that for last year, and many a previous one, is indicated by official figures issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce on Wednesday for the first time, covering the receipts and shipments of grain from Fort William and Port Arthur during the present shipping season. Advance figures which have been given out at Fort William have indicated that the total would be a large one, but the final figures show that it surpasses expectations.

The total receipts of grain, including wheat, oats, barley, and flax, at Fort William and Port Arthur during September, October and November, the three months of the shipping season, were 115,570,590 bushels, as compared with 67,367,592 bushels in 1912. In other words, over seventy per cent. more grain was received than during last year. The total shipments for this season were 96,434,120 bushels, as compared with 60,501,012 bushels during a similar period last year, an increase of sixty per cent.

The best showing was made during September and October, November receipts and shipments being about the same as for the same months in 1913. This was due, of course, to the fact that the crop was moved earlier this year. During November of this year the total receipts of grain were 45,128,381, while the shipments were 39,598,114 bushels. The total receipts of wheat alone during the three shipping months were 83,541,742 bushels, as compared with 49,715,737 bushels last year. The total shipments of wheat were 70,190,910 bushels, as compared with 45,258,283 bushels last year.

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As early as the 17th century A. D. the Chinese manufactured paper and printed in a crude sort of way. The baking of porcelain and the weaving of silk, some processes connected with which have never been improved upon, antedate records. One of the wonders of the world and a remarkable feat of engineering, the great wall of China, was built in the third century B.C. as a protection against the raids of the Tartars. It stretches for nearly 1,500 miles along the northern border of China proper, often reaching a height of 50 feet, and supported by frequent garrison towers, and was so thoroughly constructed that portions of it to-day remain in good condition.

Intensive agriculture and horticulture and the processes of irrigation and fertilizing have been highly developed; in China proper, in the valleys of the Yangtse and the Hoang-Ho, water is pumped to the very hill tops, 7,000 or 8,000 feet above sea level, and two or three crops a year are harvested.

These valleys support a denser population than any similar area in the world. If all the people in the United States and 40,000,000 more were crowded into the state of Texas the population would be no denser than it is in southern China. The Yangtse is one of the principal thoroughfares of China and is navigable for nearly 2,000 miles, but the Hoang-Ho is shallow and frequently overflows its banks. In the last 2,500 years it has changed its course 11 times, and the different channels it has occupied are hundreds of miles apart. The great loss of life—on one occasion reaching 1,000,000—and the damage to property resulting from the floods accompanying these changes have given to the river the name of "China's Sorrow."

The natural water ways, supplemented by the Grand canal, which is 1,200 years old, furnish elaborate means of inter-communication, and the tonnage of China's inland commerce is estimated larger than the combined tonnage of all the rest of the world. The boats and methods of handling the cargoes, however, are antiquated, and steam is barely known.

Manual labor is the great motive power in all occupations. Laboring people earn seven cents a day. Oxen and mules are used to some extent at the irrigation pumps and in packing. Cattle and sheep cannot be raised, for there is no ground that can be spared for pastures. There are no roads, only foot paths, and in some parts of China passengers are transported overland by wheelbarrow.

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"Shifting Sands."

Scoop had been assigned to cover the lecture of a noted French orator. The hall in which the lecture was delivered was very warm and comfortable, and Scoop went to sleep. At the close of the lecture he woke up with a start, and as he pulled himself together his hazy mind caught the words, "shifting sands." That was sufficient for Scoop. Arriving at the office, he straightway proceeded to the "dope room," where he spent a good half hour reading about shifting sands.

When the French orator opened the paper next morning he found himself credited with having given a long talk on shifting sands the night before. Jamming the paper into his pocket, the Frenchman went with long strides to the editor and demanded an explanation for the story.

"What is the matter?" asked the editor. "Doesn't the article cover the subject fully?"

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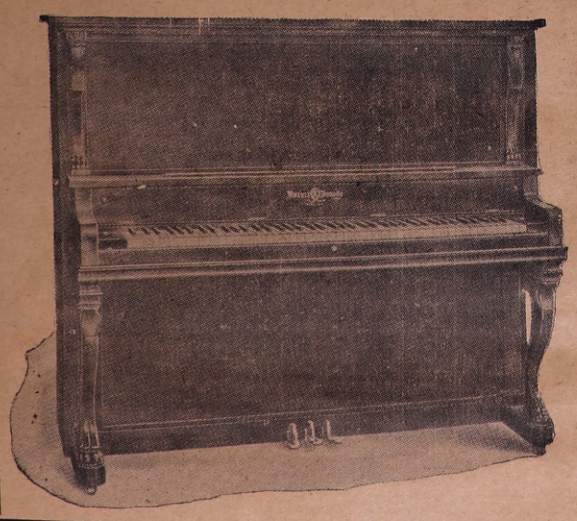

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AN OPEN LETTER

(Concluded from last week)

If the pay from the municipality is not sufficient to obtain fair minded honorable men, I for one would propose raising the salary for such men as would make use of public money publicly, not privately, to the chosen few as if both the council and those chosen few were the only honest men there were in this township. Politics should not be tolerated especially in our little municipal affairs, neither should there be any yellow stripe work about the working of the people or the council to build up a municipality lest it also bring a dark stripe or grievance by using a whole lot of tax payers as Peters and public money for a few Pauls. Social friendship and support is not right it is not christain like, not a spiritual, christain, social habitual, born in like Christendom. Spiritual Christendom is as far as very far apart as our holiness will allow us to reason, one is for speculative purposes, the other is Godly, let us weigh each of ourselves up, born again in spirit not in flesh, if we are born again we cannot tolerate any antagonistic feelings to any one, not even our slayers, theives, and blasphemers. We can only grieve, our spirit will not allow us to return any harm to any one for any antagonistic feelings, but possibly it might allow us at times to defend our life, limbs and character which are our earthly possessions when we are forced to it without any desire from a true heart.

As regards to my steps to employ the laws of our land for my protection from being stalled of my livelihood for myself and wife. I pursued in this way (since the council would take no worthy steps) to a Mr. Alex. McDonald of Marmora village a lawyer of good principle, and he wrote our reeve received answer would do nothing so their report. I went out again and had him to write again asking the reeve to allow arbitration on th grievance to straighten matters up, received reply could not allow arbitration, thats rot. another speculative purpose of the reeve, to encumber heavier expenses to myself and the municipality narrow judgment on his part, such business should be settled by ourselves and each have arbitrators here to take evidence not to have the selfish purposes as did the reeve. After he got the letter from my lawyer to get three men of his own choice as he says disinterested men, a Mr. Scott, Mr. Meiklejohn and Mr. Williams, far from being in this locality to know these waters as well as do these near by men that signed the Petition for this to be done, they did not have confidence within themselves they got these innocent men to see the grounds as they are now, to base their opinion under present conditions without any witnesses on my part knew nothing about it going on until Sunday evening as I left home at noon that Saturday and saw nobody on this occasion, its for the public to conscientiously consider the narrow gag of the reeve to bring on these men for the glorious bluff, I will ask you should these men know the full particulars of these waters or would the neighbors that signed that Petition and the ones that were forbid to sign it weigh it up for themselves? brother tax payers however in his zeal our reeve tells me there are fifty places in our township very similar to my grievance, this 's a very rudious assertion to make, while our government employs men to educate us to drain our lands especially our low lands, our reeve stands between me draining my lands and forbid me enlarging this apperture last fall. I again offered to do this work at my own expense this fall but no consent of any action on the part of the reeve to allow me to do it, forcing me to take a price of $100.00 less value for my farm than I possibly would have had to take and through the neglect possibly kept other purchasers from buying as veay few people care to buy when there is such a difficulty to face, not only have I been made to suffer damage to my lands from raising a crop there on but in several ways to the extent of a few hundred dollars which we as tax payers have to face with such a council to steer us right or wrong. Judge for yourselves the situation carefully and I hope you will wisely consider that right wrongs no one, and the whole thing in this matter is that two wrongs do not make a right. However I am selling out, see posters, come one come all, buyers are my friends, but I would like the floor to the audience at the Town Hall Rawdon on Nomination Day for a little more than I have here, also pardon me those that asked me last nomination day after a few brief remarks if I was a Grit and not being in the best of feelings from grievances answered them as strangers rather short, but I was not neither am I now so selfish as to take politics either for a satisfactory thought or action if I was or could do so, but now I well understand why so many asked me that question as I rather think now they also knew their reason for asking it, however I hope the reeve will meet my request asking him to notify me in time by letter and offer me a chance to make a few remarks at our hall Nomination Day, it might save a whole lot of hereafter trouble for us all.

Thanking you Dear Editor for taking up so much space in your paper and also the General Public for their time in reading these remarks.

I remain yours truly

Joseph Q. Green.

DISCOVERING AMERICA.

Cabot Got $50 For Having "Found the New Isle."

Although it was Columbus who discovered the land of the western hemisphere, North America was really discovered by the Cabots, John and his son, Sebastian. And it is interesting to note that while all three of these men were Italians, their great discoveries were made under the flags of foreign countries. Columbus, who never knew that he had found a new land, but believed always that he had reached Asia, served the King of Spain. The Cabots were in the employ of English merchants.

Giovanni Caboto, or John Cabot, as he is called, was a native of the same town as Columbus, being born in Genoa in 1450. Most people think that Columbus was the only man of his time to believe that the earth was round; but there were many others who had the same idea, among them being John Cabot. Full of this idea, he moved to London about 1484. He submitted his proposition to the leading merchants of Bristol, Eng., and met instant encouragement.

For many years Cabot tried to carry out his plans to reach Asia by sailing west; but all his attempts ended in failure. And then in 1493 the news reached England that a sailor named Columbus had reached the East Indies by sailing westward. Cabot and his backers immediately decided to accomplish the same thing, and on May 2, 1497, he set out with Sebastian, two other sons, of which nothing is known, and 18 men, in a little ship called the Mathew.

At last after being 52 days at sea, at five o'clock, on Saturday morning, June 24, 1497, they reached the northern extremity of Cape Breton Island. North American had been discovered but John Cabot, finding the soil fertile and the climate pleasant, was firmly convinced that he had reached the northwestern coast of Asia, from where came the silks and precious stones that he had seen at Mecca. The royal banner was unfurled, and in solemn form he took possession of the country in the name of King Henry VII. of England.

On his return to Bristol in August he hastened to court, where the King gave him $50 for having "found the new isle."

The following year Cabot made a second voyage of discovery, hoping this time to secure some of the fabled riches of the east. But he sailed too far to the north, and was finally forced to return without having realized his dream. He died the same year, 1498.

His son, Sebastian, was born at Bristol, Eng., in 1477, and accompanied his father on his first voyage to North America. After the death of John Cabot, Sebastian made many voyages to both North and South America. He died in 1557.

THE YEAR OF RAILWAYS.

Canadian Lines Are Making Gigantic Efforts During 1913.

From all indications the year 1913 should go on the records as marking an era of tremendous activity in railway building in Canada. Two great transcontinental trunk lines are now under construction, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern, and promise to be completed from coast to coast within two years' time. Hundreds of millions of dollars are being expended by these two systems and by the Canadian Pacific, all of which lines are steadily increasing their actually operating mileage season by season, besides engaging in the construction of many branch lines to tap the resources of vast, undeveloped territories.

The extensions of the Canadian Pacific, for instance, when completed, will mean a second line across two-thirds of the southern section of British Columbia, providing a double track system from Calgary to Vancouver designed to meet the competition that will arise as a result of the Panama Canal opening.

In addition the Great Northern Railway is spending something like two million dollars in completing its Vancouver terminals, with the expectation of further developing the rich tributary territory which it serves. Tremendous progress in double-tracking, especially in British Columbia, may be looked for in 1913 in the case of these railways.

The Canadian Northern, meanwhile is prepared to continue the phenomenal building record that it has been making during the past two years on its line from Quebec to the Pacific. By the spring of 1914 it is expected that this road will be running trains from Quebec to the Pacific slopes, and linking up of Port Mann and Vancouver. A branch line of this railway will tap the seemingly inexhaustible deposits of the Brazeau coal fields in Alberta; while other branch lines in Saskatchewan and Manitoba will put dozens of new towns on the map and open up hundreds of thousands of acres of new lands of settlement.

Two lines are to circle Lake Winnipeg and Fort Churchill. The Hudson Bay route for the shipment of grain and produce from the Canadian west as well as from the northwestern United States to European markets will effect a saving of some 700 or 800 miles as compared with any other route. The completion of the Hudson Bay railway, now building, will be followed by the installation of a fast ocean freight service from Hudson Bay ports to European and other foreign ports.

In other words an enormous volume of world-wide commerce will be developed from Manitoba shipping points. It is also estimated that through the Hudson Bay route, even from the first year of its operation, a saving of at least $2,000,000 will be effected yearly, this estimate being based on an annual export over this route of but 20,000,000 bushels.

And this is but the beginning, for within five years' time, so it is stated, there are to be no less than seven lines of railway in operation to Hudson Bay. According to present plans, any and all other railways are to be allowed to connect with the Government line at any or all points that they may choose. This policy, it is believed, will greatly expand the possibilities of the new route in the matter of handling grain shipments from the west.

The Canadian prairies are already exporting something like 200,000,000 bushels of wheat each year, but the railways have not been able with their present facilities to handle the output. As the crop increases year by year, provision must be made lest the congestion of the past should become still more acute.

Able to Keep His Feet Where a Man Would Be Blown Away.

A gale that blows a man off his feet does not bother a dog at all. He will run about unconcernedly while his master walks with the greatest difficulty. This is for the same reason that a high building is more affected than a low one by a gale. It is also because the dog has four legs to support his body, while a man has only two.

With topsails set a yacht would capsize in a gale which it would ride out with safety if only its lower sails were set, for the leverage exerted by the wind increases in proportion to the height at which the sails are set. A man by reason of his height receives far more force from the wind than does a dog.

Then, again, a dog's center of gravity is much lower in proportion to his height than is a man's; consequently he is not nearly so tippy. And it is obvious that any object supported on four legs is more stable than if supported on two.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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ARIO'S NEW SETTLERS

Came to the Province this Year—Most Were British Subjects of the Best Class

	1913.	1912.
January	1,111	611
February	1,603	1,006
March	5,604	4,206
April	11,175	7,013
May	11,314	7,506
June	10,189	6,097
July	7,628	4,470
August	4,859	3,621
September	3,449	3,186
October	2,812	3,538
November	1,827	2,509
Decem. (estim.)	1,000	1,536
	62,571	45,299

These figures show the number that settled in Ontario during this year. According to Mr. Robert Birmingham of Toronto, Government Immigration Agent, there has been an increase of 20,000 over last year. It is also shown that about 75 per cent. of the settlers were British subjects, while the others came from other European countries. The newcomers were all of the best class, and well provided with money, having from £25 to £500 in drafts. The only ones who appeared short of cash were those from the East London districts. Mr. Birmingham stated that the number of families coming to the province was exceptionally large. They usually settled upon farms, and all confidently expected securing farms of their own within the next few years. The fact that all succeeded in making a good living was shown by the fact that during the year the Government did not have to pay out $50 to assist any of the immigrants.

THE MORMON PRESIDENT.

Edwin J. Wood Controls the Life of 7,000 People in Canada.

One of the most popular men in Southern Alberta is Edwin J. Wood, president of the Mormon Church in Canada. While Mr. Wood is greatly attached to his church, he is nevertheless broad enough to believe in tolerance to all denominations holding religious worship in the confines of the large stretch of country which the Mormon people have taken over to themselves.

It is now 26 years since Mormon settlements of Southern Alberta began. In that year Charles Ora Card, after whom Cardston, the Temple City of Alberta, came with a dozen Mormons and settled along the St. Mary's River in Southern Alberta. This was the nucleus of the 7,000 Mormons to be found in Canada to-day.

President Wood has entire control of this Mormon population insofar as their relation to the church is concerned, and relation to the Mormon Church means business, social and religious affiliation. Everything the Mormon does is controlled by the church. His business is better known by the president than by his banker. His goods are the church's if the church wishes to use them. Over matters of this kind Mr. Wood has direct jurisdiction.

President E. J. Wood.

When the church undertook to purchase the old Cochrane ranch in Southern Alberta, it was Mr. Wood who did the business for his organization. Some 65,000 acres were involved in the deal, and the Canadian president has had the selling of this tract in small parcels to Mormon people from Utah and other Mormon colonies.

Edwin J. Wood is also the stockman of the church. When the large tract of land was purchased a number of cattle went with it. The herd has now increased to several thousand, and these this man has under control. He sells to whom he pleases. No one in Canada asks where the money goes. No good Mormon dare doubt the integrity of President Wood.

The responsibility of finding material for a $300,000 temple is now engaging the attention of Mr. Wood. The new structure is to be at Cardston in Southern Alberta, and it will be the first on British soil. Marble must be secured, arrangements made for hauling material, workmen employed, and a thousand other things to engage his attention.

A Mormon president does not receive any salary. President Wood is supposed to do all this gratis. He is a man of considerable wealth, amassed probably before his appointment to the presidency, and can afford to give the time.

It has been said that his wives number more than one. This has been disproved on several occasions. Mr. Wood, however, believes in the principle of polygamy, although he advises his people to refrain from the practice because of the law of the land forbids it.

ON THE ROOF OF A CHURCH.

A Baby Was Blown There By a Powder Explosion.

A baby asleep in a cradle on the roof of a church, both baby and cradle having been placed there without hands, seems more like an episode from a fairy-tale than a fact of history, but there is an old church in London of which the story is told.

The church is the Church of All Hallows, Barking, and this is the story. It happened that in the last month of the reign of Charles I a certain shipchandler was foolish enough to busy himself over some barrels of gunpowder with a lighted candle in his hand. He paid the price of his folly. A spark fell into the gunpowder, and the house was blown up.

The man who did the mischief was unfortunately not the only one to perish. Fifty houses were wrecked and a number of persons were killed.

In one house among the fifty, a mother had put her baby into its cradle to sleep before the explosion occurred. What became of the mother no one ever knew; but what became of the baby was very widely known.

The next morning, a young child in a cradle was found upon the leads of the church. Baby and cradle were both uninjured by the explosion that had lifted both to such a giddy height.

It was never learned who the child was, but she was adopted by a gentleman of the parish, and grew to womanhood. She must surely all her life have had a peculiar interest in that church.

CANADA HAS LOTS OF MONEY

The Government Has $98,500,000 In Gold Stored Away In the Vaults

A despatch from Ottawa says: A book of gilded figures has made its annual appearance as the "Public Accounts" report. The book tells how many dollars there were in the Dominion treasury at the close of the fiscal year. It tells how many dollars were made in the mint, how much Finance Minister White borrowed, and how much was spent. Among other interesting items in the book is the issue of Dominion notes. The total issue for the year was $39,749,000, which is seven millions less than the year before. A good deal of cleaning up was done, over thirty-three millions being retired and destroyed, or more than twice as much as the year previous.

The largest bill printed for general circulation is $1,000. The demand for them was much reduced, [illegible] million dollars worth having been issued in 1912 and only a million dollars last year. The coin factory had a busy year, stamping King George on silver and bronze to the value of about a million and a half dollars. Gold coin was made to about the same amount.

In spite of hard times there is a good deal of money around Canada, even if not much of it is loose. At the close of the year there were bills out to the value of over a hundred and twelve million dollars.

In gold the Government had locked up ninety-eight and a half millions. It is of some interest to observe that of this 93 millions are in Canadian coin, and only a little over four and a half millions in British.

Though Canada kept American gold, it sent back American silver to the face value of six millions and spent 48 thousand dollars to do it.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.

Three little girls in Montreal died within twenty-four hours as the result of burns.

The late William R. Binley, of Hamilton, left his whole estate of $14,448 to charity.

A federal fruit commission is to be appointed shortly by the Department of Agriculture.

The prices of meat and poultry, it is stated, are 100 per cent. more than during the decade 1900-10.

The cartage service will be temporarily continued by the C.P.R., G.T.R., C.N.R. and Intercolonial Railways.

Conscience money totalling $620.35 came back during the year to the Customs, Railway and Finance Departments.

Seven power companies exported 101,423 h.p. to the United States this year, while 90,462 h.p. was used in Canada.

The body of John Hulier, of Canton, Ohio, buried at Goderich as unidentified, was exhumed and shipped to Canton.

Frederick Keech, of Gretna, near Deseronto, died suddenly, having been in the latter place the day before in his usual health.

The Y.M.C.A. campaign launched at Oshawa to raise $5,000 for renovations to buildings, resulted in contributions of $6,027.

An agreement has been arrived at between the Detroit River Tunnel Co. and the Michigan Central Railway and the city of Windsor, which it is estimated will net the city $32,000 a year in taxes.

Seven of the ten Hydro-Electric companies operating under Dominion charters, generated 191,986 horsepower during the last year, and of this 101,423 was exported to the United States.

Elsie Whitman and Margaret Johnson, English girls of twenty-seven and twenty-four years, respectively, have for a month been masquerading as C.P.R. telegraph messenger boys in Ottawa, also having worked in J. R. Booth's mills. One is a mother.

Great Britain.

Thomas Hardy, the English novelist, may obtain the Nobel Prize for literature in 1914.

An attempt to blow up part of a wall at Holloway Jail in England was blamed on the militants.

The amount paid by Harry Mallaby-Deeley for the Duke of Bedford's Covent Garden estate in London is now reported at having been $13,750,000 instead of $50,000,000.

United States.

Canadian officials opposed at Washington the proposed embargo on potatoes going into the United States.

Foreigners in New York sent 496,898 money orders aggregating $7,775,000 to the folks at home.

A new Roman Catholic church rule, according to Rev. Jas. McMahon of New York, is to be laid down whereby Protestants believing in divorce cannot wed Roman Catholics.

General.

General Villa, leader of the Mexican rebels, denied that the foreigners were molested at Chihuahua.

ACCIDENT TO CONDUCTOR.

Mr. Mason Smith Loses His Left Hand at the Wrist.

A despatch from Belleville says: Mr. Mason Smith, a G.T.R. freight conductor of this city, had the misfortune to lose his left hand at the wrist by an accident at Napanee on Thursday morning. He attempted to board a moving car by seizing the side bar, which pulled out of the wood and his hand fell on the track; before he could move the wheel had run over it. He was given treatment at Napanee and later brought to Belleville Hospital. The hand had to be amputated.

FARMER'S SAD PLIGHT.

Wife Dead Six Weeks Before He Could Bury Her.

A despatch from Kenora, Ont., says: Frank Cutler, a farmer at Falcon Island, forty-five miles from here, on the Lake of the Woods, arrived here on Thursday with the body of his wife, who had died during child-birth on the 5th of November. Owing to the freeze-up of the lake then he was unable to come to town, not having a power boat, and until the ice had formed he could not travel. Besides the infant six other young children are left, and during his absence are being cared for by a neighbor.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Flour—Ontario wheat flour, 90 per cent., $3.50 to $3.55, seaboard, and at $3.50, Toronto. Manitoba—First patents, in jute bags, $5.30; do., seconds, $4.80; strong bakers', in jute bags, $4.60.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 93c, Bay ports, and No. 2 at 91 to 91 1-4c, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 wheat, 84 to 85c, outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario oats, 34 1-2 to 35c, outside, and at 37 1-2 to 38c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada oats—old crop, 40 1-2 for No. 2 and 39 1-4c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—$1 to $1.05, outside.

Barley—Good malting barley, 55 to 56c, outside.

Corn—New No. 3, American, 74 to 74 1-2c, all rail, Toronto.

Rye—No. 2 at 65 to 66c, outside.

Buckwheat—70c, outside, with none offering.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $21 to $21.50 a ton, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $22.50, Toronto.

Country Produce.

Butter—Choice dairy, 23 to 24c; inferior, 20 to 21c; farmers' separator prints, 24 to 26c; creamery prints, 30 to 31c; solids, 28 to 29c; storage prints, 27 to 28c; do., 26 to 26 1-2c.

Eggs—Case lots of new-laid, 45 to 48c per dozen; selects, 37 to 38c, and storage, 32 to 35c per dozen.

Cheese—New cheese, 14 1-2 to 14 3-4c for large, and 15c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $2.20 to $2.25 per bushel; primes, $2 to $2.10.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. for No. 1; combs, $3 to $3.25 per dozen for No. 1, and $2.40 to $2.50 for No. 2.

Poultry—Fowl, 10 to 12c per lb; chickens, 14 to 16c; ducks, 12 to 14c; geese, 11 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 21c.

Potatoes—Ontarios, 80 to 85c per bag, on track, and Delawares at 90c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $14.50 to $15 a ton, on track, here; No. 2 at $13 to $13.50, and mixed at $12 to $12.50.

Baled straw—Car lots, $8.50 to $8.75, on track, Toronto.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 16c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $28.50; do., mess, $24.50. Hams—Medium to light, 19 1-2 to 20c; heavy, 19c; rolls, 15 1-2c to 16c; breakfast bacon, 19 to 20c; backs, 23 to 24c.

Lard—Tierces, 13 3-4 to 14c; tubs, 14 to 14 1-4c; pails, 14 1-4 to 14 1-2c.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Corn, American No. 2 yellow, 80 to 81c. Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 41 1-2 to 42c; do., No. 3, 40 1-2 to 41c. Barley, Man. feed, 48 to 50c; malting, 64 to 66c. Buckwheat, No. 2, 56 to 57c. Flour, Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; do., seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70. Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.50 to $4.60; straight rollers, bags, $2 to $2.10. Rolled oats, barrels, $4.40 to $4.50; rolled oats, 90 lbs., $2.10 to $2.12 1-2. Bran, $20 to $21. Shorts, $22 to $23. Middlings, $25 to $26. Mouillie, $27 to $28. Hay, No. 2 per ton, car lots, $14 to $15. Cheese, finest westerns, 13 3-4 to 14c; finest easterns, 13 1-4 to 13 1-2c. Butter, choicest creamery, 28 1-2 to 29c; seconds, 28 to 28 1-4c. Eggs, fresh, 55 to 60c; selected, 38c; No. 1 stock, 34c; No. 2 stock, 26c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 75 to 85c.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Cash:—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 92 3-8c; No. 2, do., 79 3-4c; No. 3, do., 76c; No. 1 rejected, seeds, 76 1-2c; No. 2, do., 74 1-2c; No. 1 amnitty, 76 1-2c; No. 2, do., 74 1-2c; No. 1 red Winter, 82 1-2c; No. 2, do., 80c; No. 3, do., 78c. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 33 3-4c; No. 3, do., 32c; extra No. 1 feed, 32 1-4c; No. 1 feed, 31c; No. 2, do., 30c. Barley—No. 3, 42 1-2c; No. 4, 40 1-2c; rejected, 37 1-2c; feed, 37c. Flax—No. 1 N.-w.-t., $1.20; No. 2 C.W., $1.18.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Wheat—December, 84 3-8c; May, 87 3-4c. Cash—No. 1 hard, 88 1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 84 3-4 to 87 1-2c; No. 2, do., 83 3-4 to 85 1-2c; No. 3 wheat, 81 3-4 to 93 1-2c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 60 3-4 to 61 1-4c. Oats—No 3 white, 37 to 37 1-4c. Flour and bran—Unchanged.

Duluth, Dec. 24.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 87 1-8c; No. 1 Northern, 86 1-8c; No. 2, do., 84 1-8 to 84 5-8c; Montana No. 2 hard, 85 7-8c; December, 84 1-8c; May, 88 1-8 to 88 1-4c. Linseed—$1.45; December, $1.42 3-4; May, $1.48.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Choice butchers, $8 to $8.75; good medium, $8.50 to $7.25; common, $5 to $5.50; cows, $4.50 to $7.25; common cows, $3.50 to $4; butchers' bulls, $3.75 to $7.25; canners and cutters, $3.50 to $4. Calves—Good veal, $8.75 to $11; common, $4.75 to $5.10. Stockers and feeders—Steers, 910 to 1,050 lbs., $6 to $6.75; good quality, 800 lbs., $4.50 to $5.25; light, $3.50 to $5.50. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, $5.50 to $6; heavy, $3 to $3.50; bucks, $3 to $3.50; spring lambs, $8.50 to $9, but with 75c per head deducted for all the buck lambs. Hogs—$8.75 to $8.85, fed and watered, and $8.95 to $9.10 off cars, $8.25 to $8.40 f.o.b.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—A carload of prime beeves was sold at 8c a pound. Medium animals sold at 6 to 7 3-4c; common, 4 to 5 3-4c; large bulls, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c; and canners, 3 to 3 1-2c; milch cows, $40 to $80 each; calves, 4 to 8c; sheep, 5 to 6c; lambs, 8 to 8 1-2c. Hogs about 9 1-2c.

10,593 CIVIL SERVANTS.

Superannuation Allowances Total Nearly $500,000.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total number of permanent officials in the pay of the Federal Government at the end of the last fiscal year, according to a blue book published on Thursday, was 10,593, and the total amount paid in salaries was $11,640,813. During the year 63 civil servants were superannuated, the annual superannuation allowance totalling $53,240. Nearly half a million dollars a year are now paid from the Federal Treasury in superannuation on retirement fund allowances.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS.

For Peaceful Settlement for Home Rule Question.

A despatch from London says: The Bishop of London has received from 453 clergymen of his diocese a request to be authorized to have public prayers in their churches for a peaceful settlement of the issue between part of Ulster and the rest of Ireland over the Home Rule question. It is expected that the Bishop will consent, and that the last Sunday of the year will be chosen.

Ernest Kelly, aged 19, was executed at Manchester, Eng., for killing a book dealer, aged 80. A crowd of 5,000 from Oldham made a demonstration on his behalf outside the jail.

QUEBEC'S NEW LICENSE LAW

Close Bars on Dominion and Labor Days—No After Hour or C.O.D. Deliveries

A despatch from Quebec says: Further details of the bill to amend the liquor license law indicate that the Government will go to greater lengths than at first stated. The proposals include: The bars shall not open until 7.30 in the morning, shall remain closed on Dominion and Labor Days, and there shall be no delivery of liquor after closing hours, that is, stores after eleven o'clock p.m. week days and seven o'clock Saturdays will be prohibited from delivering orders even if they were placed before closing hours. Another clause provides that liquors shall not be sold C.O.D. This will, to some extent, eliminate telephone orders. Another striking clause prohibits statements in advertisements published in periodicals of any kind which claim that the liquor advertised is "beneficial to health or mind." The same applies to illustrations.

The Government has not in the course of its temperance programme forgotten to look towards its own revenues. It is provided in the transfer of club licenses that twenty per cent. of the transfer price shall go to the Government, and another clause provides that license holders operating open bars shall pay 25 per cent. more than those operating under the European style of tables. This is to encourage the elimination of the bar. The Government also defines what liquor is by stating that "anything with more than two and a half per cent. of spirits shall be classed as liquor."

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION.

For Railway Ferries Plying on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The new Government wireless stations at Toronto and Port Burwell are now practically completed, and will be ready for operation at the beginning of the new year. They will afford wireless communications for the railway ferries plying all winter on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. This will give through wireless communication from Port Arthur to Toronto, with the intervening stations at Sault Ste. Marie, Tobermory, Midland and Sarnia, covering Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and Lake Erie. Next spring the station at Kingston will be opened, giving connection right through to Montreal, and completing the chain from the head of the lakes to Belle Isle.

BANK CLERK DEFAULTS.

North Vancouver Branch of the B.N.A. Is Short $11,000.

A despatch from Vancouver says: Cash in the North Vancouver branch of the Bank of British North America is short $11,000, according to a reliable statement made on Wednesday. It is stated at the bank that the clerk suspected recently applied for leave of absence to get married and had overstayed his time. An investigation resulted, with the above discovery.

TRAINS AND STEAMERS.

Will Make Better Connection at Halifax.

A despatch from Halifax, N.S., says: The Halifax Board of Trade has received a telegram from M. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C.P.R., stating that the Intercolonial authorities have taken steps to remove the dissatisfaction that his company has had in connection with the train facilities at Halifax on the arrival of the Empress steamers.

IDIOTS IN NEW YORK.

30,000 In the State, But Accommodation for 4,000.

A despatch from Albany, N.Y., says: There are thirty thousand idiots and feeble-minded persons in the State of New York who should be cared for in public institutions, but accommodations for only 4,000 are provided. This is the statement of the Board of Charities. Recommendation is made that more institutions be added and that the construction work on those now being built be expedited.

THE FIRST VICTIM.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Napoleon Proulx, a local hackman, has the doubtful distinction of being the first victim of the white slave act in this city. On Thursday the Deputy Magistrate sentenced Proulx to two years in prison on information supplied by Inspector McLaughlin, Chief of the Morality Squad.

Comment on Events

New Line to Shorten Atlantic Passage.

The project for shortening the Atlantic sea passage by the inauguration of a steamship service between the west of Ireland and Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Boston is at last approaching the region of realization.

A contract was signed in London on November 26 giving power for the drawing of plans for the construction of a harbor at Blacksod Bay and the making of a railway connecting that point with the three principal railways of Ireland.

This is the scheme known as the Allred Route which was advocated in the British Parliament and out of it by Dr. Robert Ambrose, formerly member for West Mayo, and the necessary capital has now been provided.

The design will be carried out by Henry C. Long, of Boston, a well known architect in harbor construction, and the necessary steamships, rolling stock and permanent way material have already been bespoken from English firms.

The railway communication with Blacksod will be made from Collooney, in Sligo where the Midland Great Western of Ireland, the Great Northern, and Great Southern and Western systems converge.

A weekly service of fast steamers is contemplated, which will carry mails and passengers to Halifax in three days and a half, and the voyage will be carried on to Boston as the port of debarkation on outward cargo.

It is expected that the new route will divert to England much traffic that now goes from America to the Continent by reason of superior speed and shortness.

Wonders of the Wireless.

The development of wireless telegraphy is accomplishing things which a few years ago were regarded as beyond the realm of possibility. When Marconi gave his great discovery to the world the wonders of its future development were undreamed of. We are beginning to realize them. Ocean travel has been made comparatively safe for vessels, messages are flashed thousands of miles between stations, instant communication is made from point to point through vast stretches of primeval forest in wilderneses, and by this wonderful agent the world will soon get information of the phenomena of storms and other natural disturbances of enormous value to mankind. It is predicted that with the cheapening of the wireless system the newspapers of the world will have their own wireless plants and be in communication with all parts of the world, while business houses will have the same convenience. The wireless will also transmit the human voice for immense distances, and it is not incredible that a speech or concert in London may be listened to in any Canadian city.

Modern Unrest.

This is an age of social unrest, and none of the leading industrial countries has been immune from discontent among the workers. Canada, perhaps, has so far been less disturbed than her sister states of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, but the Dominion must sooner or later be confronted with the same problems in the same urgent way. Indeed, those countries have been wise that have been preparing their political conditions to meet the demand for wide and real social reforms. That was necessary if for nothing else than to avoid a civil revolution, and even that phase of the old and world-wide conflict is not over. But he is blind, indeed, who fails to recognize that a movement is under way which can only end in a reconstitution of the social order and of the moral standards of life.

A Good Suggestion.

It is said that a patient entering an English or German hospital for an operation must consent to an autopsy in case of his death. It is suggested by leaders of the movement to raise the standard of American surgery that a similar rule be adopted in American hospitals. A doctor would know that if he made a blunder it would be shown up by a trained pathologist, and there wouldn't be so many blunders. It is an old saying that the mistakes of the doctor are not seen, as they go underground. The European idea is that the hospital autopsy makes better doctors.

Government by Commission.

The prairie towns and cities have passed through the throes of an election and have settled for a year, at least, who is to rule them. Probably the most interesting election was in Lethbridge. This southern city has adopted the plan of having three commissioners who are to control the civic administration during 1914. This system abolishes the Aldermanic Council and is a step forward. Lethbridge is being the first city in the west and the second in Canada to adopt the new system. St. Catharines has the same system in force and to it is tacked the devices of initiative, referendum and recall. Other cities will watch the outcome of this innovation with a good deal of interest.

A cold bath is enjoyable every day throughout the winter if you put plenty of hot water in it.

SCENES IN KIDDERMINSTER

ENGLAND'S GREAT CARPET-WEAVING DISTRICT.

Saturday Night Is Show Night and a Time for Jollity Among Toilers.

They make carpets at Kidderminster, as all the world knows, not only Kidderminster carpets, as a large portion of the world thinks, but every kind of carpet, Axminster, Brussels, Wilton, as well as that cheaper fragile affair named after the town, and with which the newly wed are bound to be content so often for the best bed-room, says a writer in Cassell's Journal.

It is a sordid town, with a big romance of trade as a record. Its slums are as extensive as its achievements are remarkable. And if you turn the pages of its story and come to the modern Saturday night, you are reading the most remarkable chapter.

Weavers of Yesterday.

Long ago it was a town of ordinary habits. Back in the prologue you might read of the secret ways of manufacturers who built their first looms and wove by candle-light their first crudely designed carpets. You can find exciting incidents in the story of rivals, would-be manufacturers who, placing borrowed ladders against the sills of upstairs windows, climbed the rungs and peeped between broken blinds so as to learn what was then the secrets of weaving. And you can all through the pages, even to those of the last decade, find stirring episodes of men who have come as nothing (and with nothing save pertinacity and dogged determination), and made much money by the making of carpets.

All this with a reason. It leads up to Saturday night. It means that in the past the weaving industry and its branches of wool sorting and winding and dyeing was a man's business. Weavers in the carpet town can recall halcyon days when on piece work they could make their five and six pounds a week. These weavers were the best in the land, and when new works were set up in other parts at home and abroad the new ventures were careful to obtain as foremen a Kidderminster man.

But things have changed. I stood last Saturday at the foot of the market steps. Opposite me the statue of Rowland Hill, founder of the penny post, looked down from its high plinth. It was a few minutes before noon, and housewives with baskets on their arms were loitering about the market steps and the stalls, both inside and out on the street pavement. There was an atmosphere of calm and quiet pervading the centre of the town, and it was noticeable that among the shoppers many were men. I wondered at this, but the explanation came with a rush with the striking of noon.

Women Toilers.

A buzzer buzzed—a "bull" they call it—and down the street behind Rowland Hill came a stream of workers, the toilers released from their loom-prisons, laughing and shouting.

And the toilers were all women!

Or practically so. Little women with small white faces; gaunt women with large, thick spectacles; girls and mothers, shabbily dressed, unusually and naturally untidy, leaving the vast clattering machines by which they have ground out their meagre wages, to rush back to their tiny homes on Blackwell Street, Wood Street and the like, to help father with the housework.

Here is the unique, the outstanding feature of this toil-worn town. It is the women who go to work these days and earn the money; it is the men who stay at home and swill down the backyard—when there is a backyard, and it is cleaned.

It is when one has thoroughly understood the conditions of employment in the town that one appreciates the reasons that lie behind the spectacle of Saturday night. For Saturday night and Sunday evening are given over to parade.

The girl who, with untidy hair, passed you six or seven hours ago, perhaps at the fountain, coming up from the big, grim, ugly mills down Green Street way, you meet again on Oxford Street or the Bull Ring, and you hardly recognize her. She is—almost—beautifully dressed. That is, she wears clothes that are perhaps slightly too showy and a hat that is slightly too large. But they are attractive clothes, and bright in hue. She has been slaving all the week, and housecleaning very likely all the afternoon.

She meets her friends down town. She—and her friends—are sure to meet their boys, if they boast any, and in Kidderminster it is a matter of cynical remark if a girl has not a "boy." That is because there is no plethora of young men in the town, and those who have made their captures talk about the fact, and thus make the matter a prominent topic.

The Women in Charge.

Look about the streets to-night. The young men are scarce. True, if you go out by the pools, or over Habberley valley way, or out along the dusty road to Hagley, you will see couples by the score. But the fact remains that there are many more women than men. It is natural those young fellows who have any grit in them have left this town of women employes and have emigrated. Thousands of workers have gone overseas from Kidderminster. For there is nothing to do in the town save go to the mills, and the mills have been stormed and taken—by the pettiocats.

So, among th eworkers are none too many young men, and in hundreds of cases it would be better if these were not there. They get engaged early and marry before they should, and then, when too late, find that the town does not yield sufficient income. The boy had work, but as a man his own wife enters into competition with him. The result often is that the man goes to Canada and the wife stays behind in the mills, waiting; or the man stays at home and the woman earns the living.

But the young workers do not think about these things down town Saturday night. They loiter about the streets and in the market hall; they go to the cinema or stroll out into the dark country lanes. Heedless of consequences, they laugh and giggle in the face of a shadowy destiny, and love and plan to marry without any hope of ever lifting themselves to anything like comfort.

Meantime the older women—those who have experienced it all and are paying the price now by weeks of work at the mills—are purchasing late their Sunday's dinner, waiting until near closing time so as to buy cheaply.

Kidderminster is a dull town of crooked, drab streets, and it lies in a valley. All around is beautiful scenery—the prettiest in the country. But you have to get out of the town to find beauty, just as the workers have to get out of the town if they desire prosperity.

FORESTRY FACTS.

Issued By the Dominion Forestry Branch.

There are more than one hundred tree species found in Canada, of which only thirty are conifers. Yet these latter constitute Canada's chief timber wealth. Of these coniferous trees, or "evergreens," spruce easily takes first place, constituting over one-third of the lumber and three-quarters of the pulpwood cut in Canada in 1912. Four of the five species of spruce are of commercial importance, and at least two of these five are found in every province of the Dominion.

This summer an expert soil analyst was engaged by the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Government to substantiate the findings of the forest surveyors in cases where there was any doubt as to the non-agricultural character of forest areas to be reserved.

A novel use has been found for the waste liquor from sulphite pulp mills, as a binder for cinders and similar materials used in the construction of tennis courts.

That sawdust and other mill waste can be profitably manufactured into briquettes for fuel is evident from the fact that a large lumber company in British Columbia is erecting a $50,000 plant, which will have a daily output of about thirty tons of such briquettes. They will sell for about five dollars a ton at the mill.

During September and October, 1912, several hundred bushels of pine cones were gathered by the Forest Rangers on Dominion Forest Reserves. This work is often made easy by the squirrels, which store large quantities of green cones in holes for use in the winter months. The Rangers spread out the cones in some dry place, and, when the scales open, the seeds are shaken out, and the following spring the best of them are planted in the forest nurseries.

Paper cannon are manufactured by the Krupp works, Germany for infantry use in rough country. They are so light that a soldier can easily carry one and yet the resistance is greater than that of a metal field-piece of the same calibre.

The lock-gates and sills of the Panama Canal are all made from "Greenheart," a large tree found in the dense jungles of northern South America, especially British Guiana. The wood will bear, without crushing, a weight of six tons to the square inch, and will remain sound one hundred years under water, being immune to the attacks of the salt-water teredo. A single log costs several hundred dollars.

Fact and Fancy.

Love matches don't burn long.

They smoke dried rose leaves in Devonshire.

Eat, drink, and—be careful.

The Orloff diamond has been responsible for 67 murders.

It's our running expenses that keep us at a standstill.

Soap in the Bible is called borith.

The man with an infallible scheme for getting rich is always looking for somebody to sell out to.

For its lead pencil timber the world depends on America.

The wages of sin is exposure.

Italian vines over 4,000 years old yield excellent grapes for wine.

It isn't only your vegetarian who dislikes the cold shoulder.

SIR WILLIAM VAN HORNE.

Where He Hangs Paintings Done Between Midnight and Dawn.

Every Canadian has heard of Sir William Van Horne and the Canadian Pacific. Both the man and his work have long been accepted with that same customary complacence with which we accept all great things from sundown on the Laurentian Hills, to the British North American Act. Further, many Canadians also associate Sir William's name with a cigar. Moreover, there are a few who know that he built, as a pastime, a railway through Cuba; and a few others, perhaps, recognize him as a great agriculturist, an owner of tobacco and sugar plantations, and an architect. But how many know that this familiar face is the face also of an artist, that Sir William is also a great painter?

Yet so it is. All his intimates, no doubt, know his wonderful art collection at his Montreal house; but not even all of them know that Sir William paints himself and that he is never happier than when he has a paint brush in hand. In such a myriad-sided life as his one may well wonder when he finds the time to accomplish his pictures.

"It is not," he said, "until everyone except myself has gone to bed that I can begin to paint, and then I go on until the early hours of the morning. But come, if you must, and look at my chamber of horrors."

In the Breakfast-Room.

The chamber of horrors is the breakfast-room of his Sherbrooke Street residence. It has acquired this name from Sir William himself because it is hung with his own pictures—which he calls quite without cause—his horrors. As Sir William explained, his own works are kept in this room, so that the rest of the house might be free of them. Yet looking around in this room, there was no doubt in one's mind that if the Canadian Pacific bust up, if Sir William's various farms failed him, he could still earn a living, and a very good living, too, as a painter.

Indeed, if one is anxious to solve the riddle of this wizard of the railway world, perhaps there is no room in all his magnificent Montreal mansion which will so help you to arrive at a conclusion as this breakfast-room of his hung with his own paintings. The rest of the house is full of the wonderful paintings, curios, tapestries, rugs, lacquerware, precious woods and stones, models of Viking dragon ships, and Spanish galleons, and lateens from Venice, strange books, and Japanese weapons and old world statues; but it only expresses one part of the man, the sumptuous tastes of an artistic merchant prince. But here, in the room, hung with his own paintings, you have certain clues, before you, which, if patiently followed up, will lead you to discover those forces which have made this man the great man that he is.

Sir William Van Horne.

A Touch of the Bohemian.

First of all, there is a touch of Bohemian in him. His own personal appearance, the arrangement of his collar do not worry him. Secondly, he has the sublime faculty of burying himself in his work. Then he can understand, realize and say in half an hour what an average man would spend a year over. Further, he speaks once and for all. He speaks so that he has no need to retract anything, for he has understood everything before he spoke. His mind once made up, he goes straight to the point. There is no loitering for him. The faculty of clear vision, concentration, incisiveness and intuition have made him Sir William Van Horne, as they have also made him a painter.

For, think of the concentration that must be necessary for a man after a strenuous day to sit down in his studio, after everyone else has gone to bed, to paint. Remember, he generally finishes a picture at a single sitting.

"How long does one of these horrors take me? Generally a sitting. For I always have to say what I have to say at once. I don't like going back to the same thing twice. Perhaps sometimes, however, I'll add a few touches here and there to bring out my idea."

"Was I ever taught painting? Oh, dear me, no!"

Doesn't Paint From Nature.

"No, I don't have time to paint from nature. I let an impression soak in and later on when I am in the mood I'll paint it out. Look at that picture over there. That is my farm at Selkirk, Manitoba. I painted it here from memory in Montreal. And there's an impression of the Dominion Iron and Steel Works at Sydney, Nova Scotia. That is how it appeared to me by night. Look at the reflections on the water."

"Oh, no, it doesn't take long. That three-footer over there was done under the hour. It's dreadful—isn't it."

"Yes, I like the impressionists. I must show you one of my favorite pictures by Toulouse Lautrec. There it is. I call it the "painted headache." Oh, yes, that's art for me—it conveys an impression. That is just as fine as the Velasquez, the Rembrandts, the Leonardo de Vinci, and the rest I have here. In fact, it's my favorite."

So talking in front of his own painted canvases and those of others, Sir William Van Horne revealed not a little of the secret of his own personal equation. Many a day in the old time after directing the ways and means of one of the world's greatest corporations, the Canadian Pacific, he has gone home to his palace. And later, in the quiet hours of the night, alone and busy, he has been supremely happy painting in and out haystacks in pastoral landscapes and little silver ribbons of streams flowing through pleasant meadows. One arrives at some idea of the man's irrepressible activity when one remembers that probably at that same moment the junior clerks of the C.P.R. were snoring away in oblivion, while its president was standing back a little, with head on one side, to see whether he had caught an effect of light he wanted to illumine a background. And above all in all the buildings and structures Sir William puts in his pictures, there is an engineer's knowledge revealed, for first and last he is an engineer. — Bernard Muddiman in Star Weekly.

MIKADO'S UNIQUE OIL LAMP.

Claimed To Be Over One Thousand Years Old.

A curious lamp, said to be more than a thousand years old and which forms part of the art collection of the Emperor of Japan, has the oil stored in the body of a rat which sits upon the top of a pole.

Half way down the pole and resting on a projecting bracket, is a saucer, in the centre of which is a pin that connects it with the bracket on which it rests. In this saucer and leaning over its side is a wick. When the saucer is filled with oil and the wick is lit there is presented a lamp that exhibits no peculiar qualities until the greater part of the oil has been consumed. Then suddenly a stream, which suffices to replenish the now nearly exhausted saucer, issues from the mouth of the rat.

The saucer being full, no more oil is discharged from the rat's mouth until it is again nearly empty, when the creature sitting above yields a further supply, and so on till its store of oil is exhausted. The manner in which this is accomplished is simple.

A peg that rises in the centre of the saucer, and attaches it to the support on which it rests, terminates in a knob or cap; but the peg is hollow and is connected with the body of the rat by a tube which runs along the bracket and then ascends thru the stand to the upper portion of the rat's body.

The pin, which stands in the centre of the saucer, it should be remembered, is perforated immediately below its cap, or about half an inch above the saucer. It is obvious, then, that when the oil sinks to a point at which the hole is exposed, air will enter and thus allow the oil to run out of the rat's mouth; but when the hole is again covered by oil, no further air is admitted, and therefore no more oil can run from the rat's mouth.

SAVED BY A CAMERA.

A Photographer's Experience With An Orang-Utan.

As a rule, orang-utans are caught young, and tamed before they are shipped to Europe. Mr. W. P. Dando tells, in "Wild Animals and Cameras," of such an animal that arrived in London with the best of characters. He was considered a docile, steady-going old thing, and Mr. Dando was engaged to photograph him.

I entered the orang's cage as I had entered scores of others. I had not exposed many plates before I saw that the animal was intent on mischief. He was a very powerful beast, and I should have stood no chance at all if he had attacked me.

My only chance was to use the camera as a weapon! Making a sign to the keeper to keep silent, I pointed my hand camera at the orang, and with slow and steady step approached him. The keeper was outside the door, ready to open it; but neither of us uttered a sound. I was relieved to see the orang retreat gradually, and at the same time slowly rise from the crouched and menacing position he had taken. Once he was on the move, I knew I had a chance. I succeeded in working him round to the corner farthest from the door, which the keeper had silently and slowly opened.

Still pointing my camera at the orang I very, very slowly backed out of the cage, the door was slammed to, and I was safe. Even when I was partly through the door opening, any quick movement on my part would have been a fatal mistake. The animal could have reached me in an instant.

A BIRD WITH HANDS.

Possesses a Free Claw At the End of Each Wing.

In the forests of British Guiana, says the London Globe, lives the hoactzin, a singular bird, whose young possess a free claw at the end of each wing, which they use almost as the monkey uses his hands in tree-climbing.

The nest of the hoactzin is in a tree overhanging the water, and the young, unlike most birds, are active from the first.

The outermost quill feathers of the wing, which might hamper the free use of the claws, do not grow much until the rest of the wing is strong enough to make climbing less necessary. Then they grow out, and the claws are absorbed. The adult bird does not need them. Should a young hoactzin fall into the water, it makes for the shore and seizes a branch, up which it quickly climbs.

It has ben pointed out that the young of certain game-birds show evidence of having formerly possessed similar structures on the wings. It is therefore inferred that they had a similar habit, and that in former times they built their nests and reared their young in trees.

In this group—including the barnyard fowl—the quill feathers of the wing grow in the same order as in the hoactzin; that is, the outer ones delay their growth until the others have reached a certain stage. Traces of the free claws, moreover, can still be found in the embryo. And it is interesting in this connection to remember that even now the pheasant occasionally builds and hatches its young in a tree.

The most interesting point, perhaps, in connection with the free claws of the hoactzin is that they recall the remarkable structure of the earliest bird yet known to geology. Archaeopteryx, literally "the ancient wing," was a bird about the size of a rook. It resembles the hoactzin in having free claws to its wings, and perhaps used them in climbing. But while the hoactzin discards its claws in adult life, archaeopteryx seems to have retained them.

FISH REALLY FRESH.

Are Brought to Market Swimming In Tanks.

When a person buys fresh fish in Copenhagen, Denmark, he really gets uncontaminated fish. The sewers used to empty into the sea at the nearest convenient points. Now the sewage is collected into a main trunk line and carried out to sea before it is realized.

This not only puts an end to the nuisances that used to arise, but enables boats full of live fish to come close to shore and right into the town by means of the salt water canals.

In this manner at least the smaller fish are kept alive until the moment they are sold. Any number of wooden boats are pierced with holes and filled with fish; these boats just float on the surface of the water, and the living fish is taken out of them when wanted.

But as every one cannot go to the water's edge to buy fish there are water tanks on wheels, and the live fish are brought to the doors of the people's houses. The principal fish market was built by the municipality, and is let to a wholesale fish salesman.

Not only are the fish fresh, but they are generally very well, sometimes even artistically cooked. At Copenhagen the domestic servants trade union has instituted a school where members of the union are taught how to be clean and neat, how to sew, to wash and starch, and above all how to cook—a school where anyone can have a cheap meal, thus giving the pupils an opportunity of exercising their art.

PIANO KEYS OF SKIM MILK.

Hardened Fluid Is Less Expensive and More Durable than Ivory.

It is a little-known fact that the most delightful music at the present day is produced by playing on milk.

The supply of ivory nowadays does not to a great extent meet the demand. Strange as it may sound, skim milk forms a substitute. It is used for making the keyboards of pianos, and in appearance this hardened substance is hardly distinguishable from ivory.

What is more, it is much less expensive, and its durability nearly double.

Syrolit, as the skim milk ivory is named, is a practically new invention, but at the present time thousands of gallons of separated milk are daily transformed into one of the most useful materials of modern invention.

The milk is not mixed with any other substance, but, after being purified, it is compressed, so that all the moisture is extracted and the substance becomes hard and dry.

Practically in every part of the globe this product is now used. It is turned into umbrella handles, buttons, photograph frames, etc. The comb-making industry especially appreciates its worth, as it can be made to look like horn. Its non-inflammability is another of its assets.

Warden (to new prisoner)—What can you do? What was your occupation? Prisoner—I was 'cellist in an orchestra. Warden—Well, then, we'll set you to work sawing wood.

FROM MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World.

Ten people are on the average run over and killed in the streets of London every week.

Major Sherlock Willis, who fought in the Indian Mutiny and Crimea, has died at Oatlands Park, Surrey, aged 78.

A memorial drinking fountain is to be erected in Bellahouston Park, to the memory of the late Lady Primrose.

Caroline Shaen, a niece of Thackeray, was fined over $25 at Reigate for not stamping her servants' insurance cards.

Middlesex County Licensing Committee has refused to grant licenses for Sunday cinematograph entertainments in the county.

Since 1900 the production of beet in the United Kingdom has been decreasing, and is now about 33,000,000 standard barrels annually.

Threadneedle Street, London, is supposed to have gained its name from the three needles used as a sign of the Needlemakers' Company.

An offer to sell the market-place rights to the Sleaford (Lincoln) Urban District Council for $15,000 has been made by the Marquis of Bristol.

Strikes of orchestral musicians at various London music halls have resulted in a complete victory for the musicians in respect to higher pay.

As a train from Brighton was entering Polegate Station, it hurled a trolley along the platform, and three passengers were seriously injured.

Sir Richard Solomon, High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, has passed away at his London home, Hyde Park Square, at the age of 63.

During last year the tramways of Great Britain carried over 3,127,000,000 passengers, or about seventy times the estimated population of the country.

The White Star Company's new ship "Ceramic" has been safely berthed in Tilbury docks. This is the largest liner that has ever entered the Port of London.

Prison wardens are forming a trade union under the title of the United Kingdom Prison Officers' Federation. The leader of the movement is Mr. F. Ludlow.

By the death of Mr. Hugh Jones, of Leeswood, at the age of 86, there passed away the only survivor of the flood at the Argoed Colliery, Mold, on May 30, 1837.

England is importing much honey from West India Islands and the Unted States, the home supply being short owing to the continued prevalence of a bee disease.

Mr. W. H. M. Biggleston, head of Biggleston and Sons, one of the oldest firms of brass and iron founders in the county, died at Canterbury in his seventy-seventh year.

Nearly 3,000 cotton workers in Colne, Nelson, Barrowford and Easby, are affected by the reduction of working time adopted by individual firms, and about 10,000 looms are idle.

A fire broke out in the students' studies flanking the western side of the quadrangle of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and damage amounting to several thousands of pounds was done.

Protests raised at a meeting of the L.C.C. Education Committee against putting refractory children in the detention homes on bread and water diet, has resulted in the abandoning of such punishment.

Cardiff shop assistants are agitating against the "living in" system, and at a recent meeting of the local branch of the Shop Assistants' Union it was decided that their members should tender a fortnight's notice.

WHY WE USE RIGHT HAND.

Man at One Time Used His Hands Indifferently.

At first, it has been contended, men used both arms indifferently, and those who when fighting pushed the right side forward had the advantage of shielding their hearts and so lived to produce descendants who inherited their tendencies. Be this as it may, there is no doubt that the two sides of the brain have different functions, and right or left-handedness is by no means restricted to the arms alone. One investigator was very often able to recognize left handedness by the examination of the left eye. The centre of speech is on the left side of the brain of a right-handed person, and on the right side of that of a left handed person. Children show unmistakable evidence of two speech centres, though one atrophies owing to the preference given to one hand. Nevertheless, experiments show that it can be successfully resuscitated.

ADVERTISING NOTICES

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:

GOING WEST		GOING EAST	
Mail & Ex.	8.02 a.m.	Passenger	10.12 a.m.
Passenger	6 45 p.m.	Mail & Ex.	3 31 p.m.

Local & General

CONCERT

The Women's Institute of Wellmans Corners intend holding their Concert on Jan. 9th in the Orange Hall. Miss Tuite Elocutionist of Albert College Belleville will entertain. A good programme is assured. Admission 25cts children under twelve 15cts.

All are invited: Come and enjoy a treat.

Owing to the holiday Thursday, on which day we set up most of our correspondence and local matters, a large part of such has inavoidably been left out this issue. We would ask our Correspondents as far as possible to send in next weeks items so as to reach here by Tuesday's mail.

Mr Charles Mosher received word this week of the death of his brother Mr Miles Mosher of Detroit, which took place at the residence of his daughter Mrs H. Bentley Dresdon Ont

Mr Mosher left here about thirty years ago but will be remembered by many of the older residents.

The Methodist Sunday School gave their annual entertainment in the Opera House on Xmas night, the greater part of the numbers were given by the younger scholars in a very creditable manner for ones so young.

Mrs. Percy Watts gave two Violin selections in her usual artistic manner to both of which she graciously responded to by encores Miss Martin accompanying her on the piano, another gem of the evening was an Oratoria solo by Mrs. McCarthy of Toronto who is the guest of Mrs. Watts, Miss Alma Watts accompanying her, in a manner that shows her a pianist of rare ability In a financial way the entertainment was a decided success the hall being well filled.

The St. Andrews Presbyterian Sunday School will give their annual entertainment in the Opera House on New Years Evening, a choice programme is being prepared with some special features of interest and a bumper house should greet the young folk on the raising of the Curtain that evening.

Nomination Meeting

A public meeting of the electors of the village of Stirling will be held in the Town Hall, Stirling, on Monday December 29th, 1913, at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m. and remain open for one hour, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Reeve and Councillors for the year 1914, and also for the purpose of nominating Trustees to fill the vacancies on the Board of Education caused by lapse of time. The following are the names of the members of the Board of Education whose term of office has expired, and who are eligible for re-election, J. T. Belshaw, J. S. Morton and John Shaw.

Should more than the required number of candidates remain in nomination for any or all of the above offices, then a Poll will be held on Monday January 5th, 1914, from the hour of 9 o,clock in the forenoon till 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Stirling this 15th day of December, 1913.

Geo. H. Luery
Clerk.

A very pleasant event took place at the home of Mrs. Wager last Thursday Dec. 18 th when about thirty of the Ladies Aid members and surrounding neighbors gathered to spend the day at her home. The following address was read by Mrs. Peter McKee

Dear Mrs. Wager,—

We the members of Carmel Ladies Aid and surrounding neighbors have assembled here to spend a pleasant day with you and to remind you of the esteem in which you are held in our midst. Also to present you with these small gifts. You know dear Mrs. Wager we are all greatly remind at this time of year of the Great Giver of all good gifts in the gift of His Dear Son. We pray that you may be spared many years among us, and that God's richest blessing may be your lot. Signed on behalf of the members of the Aid and surrounding neighbors.

Mrs. Chas. Bailey
Mrs. Richard Pyear.

Mrs. Wager in a few well chosen words thanked all her neighbors for so kindly remembering her, After which we sang a verse of "God be with you till we meet again" and was led in prayer by Mrs. Anderson. All departed then for their many different homes feeling well pleased with their days pleasure.

Spring Brook

The Sunday School Social came off on Monday evening last in the I O O F Hall. The Hall was packed from platform to door like sardines in a can. A very fine lengthy programme was put on, consisting of dialogues drills, recitations and songs which gave over two hours of solid enjoyment. The only drawback was six or seven noisy young men who ought to know better, down at the door. They were either drunk or good actors; but they didn't live in Spring Brook. Something over sixty dollars was realized for Sunday School purposes.

P.S.—Protection by fire insurance is all right, and protection by life insurance is all right, but what most of us need is protection from ourselves We don't exactly remember where we picked up this chunk of wisdom.

Mt. Pleasant

Miss Pearl McAdam Normal School Ottawa, is spending her holidays at the home of her parents.

Miss Elda Garrison of Queen's University Kingston is also home for the holidays.

Miss Annie Summers spent a couple of days last week at the home of Mrs. James Linn.

Mr. Douglas Dickson was the guest of Mr. Gilbert Smith on Thursday last.

Pearl Pounder and Florence Montgomery were guests of Miss Lulu Johnson on Wednesday afternoon.

A number of the girls were callers at the William's school on Monday afternoon.

Lulie Johnson who has been in Toronto for sometime has returned home. We trust her health is much improved.

Wedding bells are ringing again.

Mrs J. B. Weaver has returned home after spending a couple of weeks in Brighton with her daughter Mrs. W. Anderson.

Mr and Mrs W. Anderson accompanied her home and will spend a few days here with friends and relatives.

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NOTICE

All persons owing accounts for subscription to the News-Argus up to June 1st, 1913, are requested to settle at once with the undersigned. No other person is authorized to receive the same, or give receipts.

JAMES CURRIE.

He Got a Rebate.

Scotchmen are noted for their love of "siller" and their extraordinary ability to cling to it longer than most people, but a really amusing example of this trait of the race came to light during the recent great Congress of the Presbyterians of Canada in Toronto.

Rev. J. M. Glassford, who had charge of the billeting and eating arrangements, is responsible for the accuracy of the yarn.

It seems that a canny Scotch Presbyterian from one of the country mission station was provided with a meal ticket good at a certain restaurant The ticket called for a thirty cent meal. The "30 cents" was plain on the face of it.

But the thought of spending 30 cents for one meal was too much for that good churchman. It worried him to think of such wasteful extravagance He had never allowed himself to lay so sumptuously before.

After much thought he went to the manager of the eating place. He asked if it was possible to get a twenty cent meal there. The boss said it was. The Scot ordered the twenty center. After he ate it he took the waiter's check and presented it to the cashier, along with the thirty cent ticket which had been given him. He asked for a rebate of ten cents. It was a new one on the cashier and she had a sense of humor. She gave him the dime.

Shipped Liquor as Meat.

To comply with the requirements of their religion, a number of the Jews in the Porcupine mining camp in New Ontario have been getting their meat shipped in from Toronto from one of the kosher butchers there.

These parcels of meat have been passing through the express office almost daily without arousing the suspicions of the provincial officers.

The other day one of the officers chanced to pick up a parcel and it did not feel right or weigh right. Inspection revealed the fact that the kosher meat consisted of several rubber hot water bottles filled with whiskey. Each of them held about a quart of the fluid, the bags being wrapped in a canvas cover which was securely sewn over them, the whole contrivance being parcelled exactly similar to the manner in which the meat had been taken in.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr and Mrs Wm. F. Harma and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the neighbours and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown them in their late and sad bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity of kindly thanking my many friends for the assistance they rendered toward repairing my loss at the late Madoc fire.

W. J. BATEMAN

FOR New Years Day!

You will want candy. You will want good candy of course In case you bought candy elsewhere for Xmas let us suggest that you buy your New Year's candy here.

If you got your Christmas supply at Long's you know their good qualities and we will expect you back for more for the next holiday Remember our candy is all our own make. No guess work about it. Made by experts from pure wholesome ingredients and sold at an honest price.

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Also a nice line of homemade chocolates, nicely packed in special holiday boxes.

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Halloway

Mr. Ed. Carter is visiting his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bass and children are visiting Mrs. Rose on their way to Picton.

The Xmas tree at the Sidney Baptist Church on Dec. 18th was a success and the programme of the right type.

The Zion Day school gave an interesting afternoon on Friday Dec. 19th about forty were present and two numbers the "Xmas Spirit" and "Rainy Days and Parasols" were especially good and well carried out.

Our teacher Mrs. Denyes deserves credit for her untiring efforts in the school.

Mr. Clinton Townsend is expected home from Montreal for Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McMullen and Molly left on Monday for Niagara and St Thomas.

The Jose Bros. have purchased a gasoline engine to aid in their work.

Mrs. Robt. McMullen is spending the week in Belleville.

The Halloway Xmas tree was well attended the proceeds amounting to $32.00

Ways of the Japanese.

The thick straw mats are the only furniture needed in a Japanese house They are three by six feet in size and take the place of tables, beds and chairs. The house is never heated. In winter the people put on thick, wadded kimonos, sit on their feet and hold their hands over a little charcoal brazier. For recreation they go out to the family burying ground to worship the spirits of their ancestors or to a shrine to see the cherry blossoms. If earthquakes, which are as common there as thunderstorms here, shake down the little houses or they are swept away by the fires that a proverb says sweep Tokyo every seven years the little brown folks only smile and murmur "Shikata ga nai" (There is no help for it).—New York Sun.

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RAILROADS IN GERMANY.

Fine Discipline Because Employees Are All Ex-Army Men.

It is well known that practically all of the railway employees of Prussia have served in the army. When they enter the railway ranks from the army certain credits are allowed for their military service, and certain positions are reserved for army men. This military experience shows its influence on their deportment and discipline in railway service. There is a noticeable orderliness and precision about everything connected with German railways. In respect for authority and strict observance of the rules the German railway employee has no superior.

The traveler will not fail to notice the red capped station master standing at attention on the station platform as the train passes through each station. He will also find the senior signalman, gatemen and other employees connected with the train service always in evidence, standing like sentries as the train passes. The operating official, while riding over the line, can thus take a census of all employees in positions of responsibility. When he alights at a station his rank is at once recognized. The station master immediately salutes and gives a verbal report of the situation at his station. If the official goes into a signal tower the signalman in charge salutes and reports. If he goes into an engine house the foreman salutes and gives a brief report of the work in progress.—Railway Age Gazette.

FORKS OF TREES.

They Stay Where They Develop and Never Grow Any Higher.

Some people through careless observation believe that the fork of a forest tree will gradually grow higher from the ground. If they would investigate it would be found that the forks and "heads" of fruit trees are at exactly the same point where they were when first noted.

The state forester in inspecting locust and catalpa groves throughout the state has found owners who have not removed one part of the fork of those trees that have formed forks below the fencepost length, believing that in years the fork would grow up and a fencepost could be cut below the fork. This erroneous belief is the cause of so much of the delay and neglect of pruning in early life of street and roadside trees.

It should be remembered that the base of a fork or a branch of a tree will always remain at the same distance above the ground. The side branches of some trees, such as the elm, usually continue to grow upward, while those of other trees, such as the maples, incline upward when young, and as the tree grows older the weight of the branches gradually brings it to the horizontal. The latter often makes the removal of large branches necessary, which not only spoils the symmetry of the tree, but usually starts decay, which soon kills the tree.—Indiana Farmer.

The Wide, Wide World.

"It's awful how easy some folks get weighted down with a new experience," began the postmaster of Wobrook in the Hills, with a significant glance at "Boosey" Frazer's bowed form in the Concord wagon at the door. "That's what bent him over like that. Yes," after a glance of interrogation from the only listener who was really listening. "He began to bow over soon's he realized the size of this globe of ours. You see, from one of the northern counties up 'bove here Boosey went all the way to the state capital. When he come back he looked solemn with the weight o' what he'd garnered.

"'I tell you what,' he says to us right here, scarcely speakin' above a whisper, 'if the world's as big t'other way as 'tis this it's a whopper!'"—Youth's Companion.

Took Him Down.

A supercilious lawyer, cross examining a young woman whose testimony was likely to result unfavorably to his client, inquired, "You are married, I believe?"

"No, sir."

"Oh—only about to be married?"

"No, sir."

"Only wish to be?"

"Really, I don't know. Would you advise such a step?"

"Oh, certainly! I am a married man myself."

"Is it possible? I never should have thought it. Is your wife deaf or blind?"—St. Louis Republic.

Didn't Have to Lean.

Perhaps one of the best stories which Lady Dorothy Nevill has told about Disraeli is that concerning the occasion when a photographer asked him to pose for a photograph leaning on a chair. This at once aroused the indignation of Mrs. Disraeli. "I soon settled that," she said afterward to Lady Dorothy when relating the incident, "for I said, 'Dizzy has always stood alone, and he shall continue to do so.'"

A Good Student.

"Is your boy a good student?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Wealthy. "To a certain extent he is. The way he gets his mother and me to put up with his expense accounts shows that he is a wonderful student of human nature."—Cleveland Leader.

The Modern Ritual.

Mr. Meekly—Then you would have the "obey" omitted from the marriage service? Miss Strongmind—Not at all; merely transferred so that the man will say it.—Boston Transcript.

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(Crowded out last week)

Mr. Sandy McCurdy spent last Saturday in Belleville.

A number from here took in the surprise party at Mrs. M. Reids Dec. 5th.

Mrs. Robert Lanigan and son Lorne spent last Sunday the guest of Mrs. H. Silis West Huntingdon.

Mr. Carmon and Flossie Montgomery were the guests of Miss Bessie Richardson on Sunday last.

We are pleased to hear that Arthur Clair is able to be out again after two weeks illness.

Mr. and Mrs R. G. Rodgers made a flying trip to Belleville one day last week.

Miss Lena Gordanier of Belleville was the guest of her grandparents last week.

Miss Mary Donnan and Miss Frankie Demorest spent last Sunday the guests of Mrs Frank Demorest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodgers spent last Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers.

Miss Emma McGee who has been attending Model in Madoc is spending her holidays at home. We all wish Miss McGee success in her studies.

Mrs. Geo. Rose spent one day last week at Mrs. Rose Halloway.

We are pleased to see Mr. Henry Reid out again.

CIRCULATE -:- -:- $ THAT GOOD OLD At Home. Don't Send It Away to the Mail Order Man.

They Didn't Like Razors.

Said Daniel Webster: "—— the razor! It has taught me to curse. It has cost me more time and more trouble than all my speeches."

Rufus Choate, the lawyer, called the razor an instrument invented by Lucifer to fill up hell with barristers.

Edward Everett never used profane language, but before shaving he would invariably give vent to all sorts of French barbarisms.

The Retort.

Here is a retort which a "dull student" once made: Professor—You seem to be very dull. When Alexander the Great was your age he had already conquered the world. Student—Well, you see, he had Aristotle for a teacher.—Chambers' Journal.

Missed Vocation.

Client—Didn't you make a mistake in going into law instead of the army? Lawyer—Why? Client—By the way you charge there would be little left of the enemy.—London Tit-Bits.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Stirling Agricultural Society, will be held in the office of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture. On Thursday, January 8th 1914, at 1 o'clock P. M. For the election of officers for the ensueing year, and for any other business of interest to the Society.

All interested are requested to attend.

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To Mrs John Cook And Family.

We the Officers and members of Tanner L. O. L. No. 509 wish to convey to you Bro. Cook's Memorial Certificate with our heartfelt sympathy in this your sad hour of bereavement.

Bro. John Cook was an honorary member of our lodge and had attained all the degrees of the order from the Orange to the Red Cross inclusive, besides holding some of the most important offices, among them being Master and Treasurer, when the lodge met at Haggerty's Corners in the days when they had to pay toll more than forty years ago. No doubt you will miss his counsel and kindness as a husband and father. We will miss him in our lodge meetings as he was always present except in a case of emergency, but now we have called his name on the Roll for the last time for as Hamlet has said—to die—to sleep— when we have shuffled off this mortal soil. And so it is with Bro. Cook he has crossed the Jordan and gone to sleep with his fathers in that parcel of ground bought from the sons of Hamor for some pieces of silver. And on the resurrection morning when all mortals have put on immortality and behold the Great Jehovah face to face, then we shall know that He is Alpha and Omega the first and the last, the beginning and the end for He never had a beginning neither will He ever have an end.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge.
Alex Martin W. M.
William Martin Act. Sec.
Dated at Harold the 2nd Dec. 1913.

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SHINGLES!

400,000 Shingles just arrived.
Also, Lath and Mouldings.

J. W. HAIGHT.

During my absence in the north W. R. Girdwood will be in charge

POSTPONED SALE

The Robt Caulson auction of Farm Stock, etc., which was to have been held on Nov. 19 th has been postponed on account of the heavy storm on that day, and will be held on Dec. 21 st 1913.

Robt. Coulson, Foxboro

For Sale

A good Working Team, or will exchange for Cattle or Suckling Colts. Apply to

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Harold.

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I have removed shoe business to my house on Emma street from my former stand on Front St., and am ready to do neat and satisfactory Repairing, also new work as usual.

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Small standing Oak for sale, cheap to clear the land.

R. N. Bird, Sidney.

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Friday DEC. 26, 1913

Sidney Council

Sidney Town Hall Monday Dec,15 1915

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Charles Ketcheson, Reeve; Chas. H. Vanderwater, Deputy Reeve; Geo. A. Ross, Chas. H. Meyers, and Harry L. Ketcheson, Councillors.

Minutes of regular meeting of Aug. 28th. & Special meeting Sep. 20th. read and approved.

The Clerk read a letter from F. F. O'Flynn, counsel for Hiram Rosebush re. removing obstructions and widen- of road between Con. 7 & 8 from Frankford to Stirling road west to Trent River,

Moved by Mr. Chas B. Meyers,
Secd. by Mr. Chas. Vanderwater'

That the above communication from Mr. F. F. O'Flynn, Solicitor for Hiram Rosebush, be received and filed and that no action be taken re. same, and that the Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. O'Flynn re. Councils action.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Vanderwater'
Secd. by Mr. Geo. A. Rose,

That the following accounts be paid,—The Municipal World $4.25, S. Masson Solicitor $10.00 Morton and Herity $7.20 The Intelligencer $89.45 W. H. Weese Constable fees $12.00 Telephone acct. 40 cts. The Township of Rawdon one half of expenditures on McKees Hill between Sidney and Rawdon 25. 12.

Carried.

The following By-laws were passed through their various stages, signed sealed and numbered 646 and 647 consecutively,—

A By-law authorizing the Collector to continue the collection of taxes.

Moved by Chas. B. Meyers,
Secd. by Chas. H. Vanderwater,

That the Treasurer be authorized to refund James W. Gay $2.83 overpaid on 1912, Collectors Roll,

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chas. H. Vanderwater
Secd. by Mr. Harry L. Ketcheson,

That the minutes of Dec. 15 meeting be now read and adopted and that the Council adjourn sine die.

Carried.

A. M. Chapman,
Township Clerk.

Cinderella.

It was in ancient Egypt that the story of Cinderella originated. Moderns, however, owe the familiar nursery story directly to the Frenchman, Charles Perrault, whose "Cindrillon" appeared at the end of the seventeenth century. Perrault took his Cinderella from earlier versions, which came no doubt from the story of "Rhodopis' Bath." That Egyptian beauty had prepared to bathe when an eagle swooped on one of her slippers, carried it to Memphis and dropped it on the lap of King Psammetichus as he sat administering justice. He admired it, had Egypt searched for its owner, married her and lived happy ever after.

School For Hello Girls.

There has been completed in connection with the Fairmont exchange building of the B. C. Telephone Co. at Vancouver a handsome, fire-proof, brick and stone addition for the sole use of the school in which the company trains its switchboard operators. An elaborate course of instruction has been instituted, the ultimate object being to give Vancouver as excellent a service as possible. In this school new operators are not only given practical lessons on a working switchboard, but are also given a course in voice training under a competent teacher of elocution.

Bull Moose In City Garden.

To find a young bull moose trampling over his flower beds in his garden, in the busy section of St. John, N.B., was the experience of Captain John McMulkin the other day. Evidently the animal was driven in by bush fires.

What Happened To Jones

And a lot of other People Is Described In The HOME PAPER

TAKE IT REGULARLY

A Game of Bluff

By MILLARD MALTBIE

I had tired of living in a bachelor apartment house and rented a flat in the west end of London, in which I proposed to keep house, having a servant to prepare my meals and do the housekeeping for me. I was at my new quarters receiving my furniture, which had nearly all arrived and had been put in place, when a lady stood at the open door.

"Dear me," she said. "I supposed you had got moved out by this time."

"Moved out?"

"Yes; I was told I could have the flat this afternoon."

"Why, my dear lady, I have just moved in."

"Then I shall have to trouble you to just move out again."

"I have a written lease of these premises. Here it is"—taking the document out of my pocket—"fourth floor, east side."

"And I have a written lease"—drawing one from her reticule and opening it—"fourth floor, east side."

The two leases had been made out in the same schoolboy hand.

"There has been a mistake at the office," I said. "We will telephone the agent to know to whom he intended to lease the flat."

"Do so if you like."

I went to the telephone, and the agent told me that, of course, the flat had been rented to me. He could not understand how there could have been two leases issued. I returned to the lady and informed her of the fact.

"I don't care what the agent says. I rented this flat and I'm going to occupy it."

"I have rented it and I am going to occupy it," I rejoined.

I thought I had the advantage of her, and for a moment she looked a bit abashed, but, recovering, she said:

"We will see about that. Since your furniture is here there will not be time to get it out and mine in today, so I shall be obliged to use yours. Tomorrow we will make the change."

"You are quite welcome, I assure you. There are several rooms, and, if you don't mind being my guest without a chaperon, I don't."

"I do mind and shall occupy my flat by myself. You must leave at 10 o'clock."

"As my guest I must give you a dinner, and, my cook not having arrived, I shall be obliged to take you out to a restaurant."

This staggered her, but not for long. "No," she said; "to accept your invitation would be to admit that you are host here. I see that you have the tableware and kitchen utensils. If I had the provisions I could provide a meal myself."

"I ordered all that is necessary for a good dinner, but my cook disappointed me. The articles are here."

"In that case I invite you to dine with me."

She lighted up the range and went to work at once. I did my share by setting the table, not leaving off more than half I should have put on and opening a bottle of port. My guest (or host, as she would have it) got up a delicious dinner and without any of the fuss and irritation usual to a lady cook When dinner was ready we took our places at the table opposite each other, and when we were helped I filled our wineglasses and raised mine, saying:

"To your health, dear guest."

"You are welcome to my home, Mr. Impudence."

Notwithstanding the war being waged between us, we enjoyed our dinner immensely. I kept up my assurance and after drinking most of the port made bold to say:

"I am to pay the cook I have engaged £4 a month. I'll give you the place in her stead at £5."

She smiled, but said nothing. Soon after we arose from the table, and I insisted on wiping the dishes while she washed them. She said she didn't mind smoking, so I consumed a cigar while handling the dish towel. When the tableware had been put away we sat and chatted. I am a resolute fellow and was determined not to be driven out. At 10 o'clock the lady said:

"I am sorry to seem uncivil to a guest, but I must ask you to leave. Ten o'clock is my hour for retiring."

"And mine," I replied, and, rising, I went to my bedroom, said "Good night" and closed the door. The key was on the outside, and I heard it turned.

"I am sorry to say to you," the lady called from the other room, "that I am a militant suffragist, and it is my purpose to blow up this house tonight. I have done all I could to save you, and it is not my fault that you go to your death."

Never was the backbone quicker taken out of a man.

"I beg!" I called.

"Too late! You would give me away to the police."

"I promise to keep your secret."

"Swear it!"

I did so. The door was unlocked, and out I went.

I slept at a hotel that night and in the morning looked in the newspapers for an account of the explosion. It was not there, but during the day my furniture went out of the flat, and the lady's went in. I called in the evening, and she laughed at me.

"I'm no suffragette," she said; "I'm an anti."

Not only did she appropriate my flat but in time she appropriated me. I got the flat, but had to take her with it.

Dispersion Sale Of Holsteins.

Mr. James A. Stewart Sr. who has sold his farm in Seymour east, has decided to offer his entire herd of Holstein cattle for sale on Dec. 30th. Mr Stewart has an excellent herd of 32 purebred cattle.

They are of fine type and constitution and while many of them have not been officially tested, they possess some of the best blood of this breed and are capable of making big records. This sale will be without doubt the largest ever held in this section.

There will also be sold at the same time and place, two pure bred Clydesdale stallions and one pure bred mare also a number of pure bred Berkshire pigs, Rhode Island and Leghorn hens. Mr Stewart's implements will also be sold. Mr C. U. Clancy will be the auctioneer. Catalogues of the sale will be issued shortly descriptive of the breeding of Mr. Stewart's herd.

IN MEMORIAM

Weaver — In loving memory of J. B. Weaver who passed away Dec. 21st 1913.

Sleep on dear father
And take thy rest
They miss you most
Who loved you best.

FAMILY.

THE MAN IN THE ORIENT.

He Walks Ahead of His Wife to Guard Her From Danger.

When husband and wife go traveling together in the orient the man walks in front, careless and free, and the woman walks behind, carrying the bundle. Therefore you say: "The oriental cares not for his women. He despises his wife and uses her as a beast of burden." Most occidentals never get further than that. But if you are observant you go out in the jungle yourself, and you discover things. When you walk abroad there are difficulties and dangers. The paths are overgrown and thorny, creepers must be driven off, and buffaloes are ugly creatures.

In the villages are village dogs which snarl and snap. You are a man, yet you will be glad of some one to go in front of you with a hatchet to clear your way. No woman would walk in front, and the man must be free. Now you see the reason why the man walks in front. If you want to confirm it you inquire and find that this is true. Thus the Japanese, the Burman, goes in front of his wife for the same reason that the occidental goes behind—from courtesy. If he continues to do so when it is unnecessary, as in towns where there are roads, it is because a convention once formed is hard to break, east or west.—H. Fielding-Hall in Atlantic Monthly.

None For Canada.

An Imperial Motor Transport Conference is to be held soon in London under the auspices of the Royal London Automobile Club. One topic of discussion is the problem of military transport in time of need. Hon. Colonel Sam Hughes' reply to a question on this matter was to the effect that the Canadian Department of Militia could not ask the manufacturers for a special type of military transport. In time of need a conscription of commercial vehicles would provide a suitable form of transport adapted to the roads and bridges of the country.

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW

A tenth of what is going on in Town, [illegible] if you fail to take

THIS PAPER

Order It Now! Order It Now!

Chaffing Parker.

Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., was delightfully chaffed by Punch in a recent issue. The vacant throne of Albania is the subject, and after reviewing the qualifications of several public men, Punch comes to Sir Gilbert and says:

"Another formidable candidate, indeed in some ways the most formidable, of all, is Sir Gilbert Parker. Interviewed last Saturday by a representative of The Prinzend Gazette, Sir Gilbert is reported to have said that he would cheerfully accept the responsibilities of founding a Gilbertian dynasty provided he could count on the loyal co-operation of his varied subjects. He pointed out as a curious presentiment of the position he was destined to fill that he wrote 'The Seats of the Mighty' no fewer than fifteen years ago. As for his other qualifications, he laid stress on his early travels in the South Sea Islands, and his addiction to golf, a game admirably suited to the climate and configuration of Albania. A photograph of Sir Gilbert Parker in the national costume, carrying a two-handed battle-axe in his teeth, is being extensively circulated in the Blue Albanian Highlands."

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As an Extra Inducement we have made arrangements, that each paid in advance subscriber may obtain 500 votes in the Elliott Piano Contest. These terms also apply with the canvassers in the contest.

DOES IT MATTER?

DOES IT MATTER to you that of all the men, women and children who die each year in Canada one in seven is a victim of Consumption?

DOES IT MATTER that one in every three of these is cut off in the full glow of life, with plans and hopes and loves that must be given up?

DOES IT MATTER that a few persons have joined hands and within a few short years have saved thousands of these unhappy ones and can save them all if only there is a little more help and a little more money?

Perhaps it doesn't matter. It is all very interesting but it is no immediate concern of yours.

BUT WOULD IT MATTER if instead of entering somebody else's home and carrying off their loved ones, Consumption came into your home and laid its hand on the one you love the best in all the world?

WOULD IT MATTER then if you saw your husband, wife, child or friend dying for lack of a little bit of the money some other fellow was throwing away?

WOULD IT MATTER when Christmas came if there were nothing for you to do but sit on the edge of the bed and stroke the white hand on the coverlet and realize that this was the last Christmas?

This is how much it matters in thousands of homes in Canada this year and will continue to matter until enough people like you test the burden and feel how crushing it is.

It does matter—it is the most important thing in the life of some unfortunate sufferer—what you do with the attached form.

To help the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives continue its life-saving work, I gladly enclose the sum of $.....

Name.....

Address.....

$ 5.00 will provide maintenance for a week.
$ 20.00 will pay for four weeks.
$250.00 will endow a bed for a year.

Since the need is such a permanent one, I should also like to subscribe $..... Register my name accordingly.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. Gage, Esq., 84 Spadina Ave., Toronto, or to R. Dunlop, Sec.-Treas. National Sanitarium Association, 347 Kingst. W., Toronto.

Farm For Sale

Part of Lots 20 and 21 in the 12th and 13th concession of the township of Rawdon. 200 acres more or less 100 acres in cultivation with a good sugar bush, and 100 in good pasture and woodland, lying with one corner in Crow River, which makes an excellent fishing ground. A large brick and frame dwelling house. Two good drive houses, a blacksmith shop, and an old dwelling house, One large hip roof barn and small barn joined together. A good orchard. Two good wells and a never failing Spring near the house and a good pig pen.

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For Sale

That pleasantly situated Brick dwelling facing on Front St. Corner also extending to Church Street. A Frame Barn belonging to the Est. of the late Elizabeth Hamilton. Good well on lot and cellar under house.

Mary Helen Snarr, Executrix
Apply to,

Mrs John Snarr, Harold, R. 2

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Special prices on Roses, Shrubs and other ornamentals until surplus is disposed of.

W. C. REID,
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December Report
for
Glen Ross School Examinations

Sr. IV Pass 540—Maurice Winsor 688 Vera Hubel 618, Floyd Armstrong 574, Myrtle Weaver 566, Rada Carlisle 535, Laura Holden 494

Jr. IV Pass 570—Ray Armstrong 375

Jr. 3rd Pass 570—Annie Abbott 786(H) Evelyn Holden 592, Myrtle Brown 527, Wava Wallace 481, Retta Carlisle 480, Hazel Smith 465, Howard Holden 427, Hazel Macdonald 270, Ethel Armstrong (absent for some examinations)

Jr 2nd Pass 420—Vernon Holden 491, John Carlisle 351, Fred Weaver 350, Whitney Armstrong 181.

Names in order of merit.

1st—George Carlisle, Bruce Armstrong Gordon Armstrong, Edith Abbott.

Primer—Violet Winsor, Frank Abbott Clarice Holden, Elma Armstrong, Walter Benedict. Visitors 31 Average attendance 27.2 H. T. McMullen.

December Report
of
S. S. No. 24, Sidney.

Total 450. IV—Mildred Eggleton 431, Melville French 360, Oliver Stapley 349, Walter McCutcheon 292, Harold Alley 283, Stella Bird 280, Marguerite Eggleton 273, Loftie Ashley 210(absent for one exam.)

3rd.—Burton McMullen 328, Kathleen Gallivan 323, Arnold McCutcheon 300, Ruby Eggleton 283, Annie Eggleton 248, Carman Fitchett 247, Dora Danford 240, Olive Stapley 240, Mina Stapley 192.

Primer—Sebron Prest 330, Morley Eggleton 300, Carl Reid 378, Jean McCutcheon 370, Mae Danford 341, Mary Fitchett 332, Jean Eggleton 330, Douglas Stapley 273, Letha Smith 200, (Hazel Prest, Aubrey Reid, Eva Prest.

B. E. Mosher Teacher.

NEAT JOB PRINTING AT NEWS-ARGUS OFFICE

A Dark Shadow;

Or, A Coming Vengeance

CHAPTER XXIII.—(Continued).

One night, about a week later, Clive was in the library of the House looking up a reference, when Mr. Graham, the Liberal leader, entered quickly as if in search of some one, and with an exclamation of satisfaction came to Clive, and laid his hand on his shoulder.

"I thought I should find you here," he said. "Devereux is speaking on the Unemployed Bill—there is going to be a row—some of his followers are turning restive, and I shouldn't be surprised if we get a majority on the motion. Will you speak? Better come at once."

Clive got up with a quickened pulse, and they returned to the Chamber. It was full of excitement; and it was evident that Mr. Devereux was playing a losing game, and was aware of it. The House was crammed, continual interruptions came from the Libera. side, interruptions broken with sharp, eager laughter as if the Liberals were aware that Devereux was at bay, and that soon they would pull him down. It was a wonderful sight to see the great, the astute statesman, fighting inch by inch with unbroken calmness, and regarding his foes, now reinforced by a number of his own party, with a smile half amused, half contemptuous.

He was on his defence, and he was never better than when he was wriggling—as the Liberals put it—out of a difficulty; but this difficulty was too serious and complex to be wriggled out of, even by the clever and resourceful Mr. Devereux.

He sat down, cheered by the remnant of his followers and howled at by his foes. Mr. Graham, who had already spoken, glanced at Clive. As Clive rose, amidst the wild, anticipatory cheers of his party, he happened to glance up at the ladies' gallery: Lady Edith had said that she was coming down to the House that night, and he thought he caught a glimpse of her face. Mr. Devereux's case was a weak one, and Clive had an easy task before him. It is probable that he had never spoken better; he was armed by his intimate knowledge of the subject; and inspired, not by ambition—of late it had seemed dead in him—but by the desire to lose, to drown his thoughts, to forget the past in some strenuous effort, some excitement.

He spoke with astonishing fluency, considering the numerous interruptions from the other side, and he absolutely demolished Mr. Devereux's plausible arguments. That gentleman went on smiling; but he whispered to the man next him him, "That settles us: a fine speech!" And he actually nodded in a friendly way to Clive as he sank into his seat. The division was quickly taken, and when it was seen that the Liberals had a large majority, and that the Conservatives were at last overthrown, a roar went up from the Liberal benches, and a scene of wild confusion and mad excitement ensued.

Men stood on their seats, and waved their hats and yelled; one or two actually danced in their glee; and it was with difficulty that the Speaker enforced order to permit Mr. Devereux to move the adjournment of the House, which was understood to be a prelude to the resignation of the Government.

The members of the victorious party shook hands with each other, and, red and hot and exultant, crowded round Mr. Graham with exclamations and congratulations. And not a few pressed round Clive, for they knew that he was the coming man; indeed, that he had almost arrived.

Lord Chesterleigh had great difficulty in getting at him in the crowd, so closely was he surrounded.

"My dear boy!" he said, laying a hand on Clive's shoulder. "This is splendid! Edith is outside. But you will not be able to come, will you; you will want to see Graham?"

"No; I will come at once," said Clive, and, gradually breaking away from the noisy throng, he went out with Lord Chestehleigh. Lady Edith was in the carriage waiting—just as she had been on that night a year ago. There were a number of persons watching her, for the news of the downfall of the Government had already spread, and the Yard was crowded; but she seemed unconscious of the eyes fixed on her, and she leant forward, her face flushed, her lips tremulous with triumph, and held out both hands to Clive, murmuring:

"Oh, Clive!" with passionate admiration and love.

The crowd saw the action, almost heard the words, and some one shouted, "Three cheers for Mr. Clive Harvey, the Friend of the People!" Lady Edith looked round proudly, delightedly, as the cheer went up, and actually waved her handkerchief. "That's unlike Edith," said Lord Chesterleigh in a low voice. "But it's for your sake, my boy. Let us go home!"

They got in and the carriage made its way, necessarily slowly, into the street, many of the crowd following, and still cheering. At the corner of Parliament Street the crowd seemed to swerve and stop: then concentrate up in the carriage, and, as a couple of stalwart policemen pushed their way through the mob, he caught sight of a woman lying on the pavement.

"There has been an accident, I'm afraid," he said. "I'll see what it is. You go on, sir. I'll take a hansom and follow you."

He got out quickly, and made his way through the crowd to the side of the policeman who was bending over the woman. Clive recognized her at once: it was the woman whom, strangely enough, he had seen near the same spot a year ago.

"What is it?" he asked. "Is she faint, hurt?"

"Been knocked down, run over, sir," said the policeman, touching his helmet. "My mate here saw her trying to cross the road amongst the carriages. She has fainted. I don't know whether she's much hurt. We've sent for a stretcher, and we'll take her to St. Thomas's here."

The stretcher quickly arrived, and Clive went on the hospital, and waited until the examination had been made.

"Yes; she's rather badly hurt," said the house surgeon. "She's not conscious yet. Bad subject, I'm afraid."

"I'll come in the morning to see how she is," said Clive.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Clive asked himself, as he walked from the hospital to Grosvenor Square, whether he should tell the Chesterleighs of his former encounters with the woman; but he decided that he would not do so: why should he distress them needlessly? So he confined himself to reporting the woman's condition; and the affair made little or no impression upon Lord Chesterleigh and Lady Edith beyond that which was caused by pity and sympathy for this victim of our terribly overcrowded streets.

Next morning Clive went up to Quilton's room, and Quilton called out to him from his bed.

"House on fire?" he asked indolently, as Clive entered.

"I beg your pardon for disturbing you," explained Clive; "but that woman has turned up again; she was knocked down in the street last night, and I want you to go round to St. Thomas's with me."

"That woman——?" said Quilton, as if trying to remember. "Oh, ah, yes. But why do you want me?"

"I don't know," said Clive with a laugh. "I've a sort of idea that you might know her; I don't know why; but you know so many people."

"All right," said Quilton, not too readily. "I'll be down in a quarter of an hour; though I don't see why you should expect me to know every member of these populous isles."

"Come and breakfast with me," said Clive.

"Never take breakfast," responded Quilton. "You remember the story of the man who, when he was asked, after a heavy night before, what he had had for breakfast, replied, 'A chop, soda and whisky, and a dog,' explaining that he had the dog to eat the chop. That's my case."

However, he had a cup of coffee with Clive, and they went down to the hospital together. The house surgeon came to them, and gave some account of the patient.

"Consciousness has returned," he said, "and she is better; but the shock seems to have affected her mind. She is quite quiet, but her memory appears to have gone; she doesn't remember even her own name, and can give no account of herself."

Quilton, who was standing a little behind Clive, drew a sharp breath between his teeth, then coughed as if to hide the sound.

"You can come up and see her," said the house surgeon; "you won't disturb her; for her mind's a perfect blank, and she takes no interest in anything or any one about her."

They went up to the ward, and Clive and Quilton stood beside the bed, and looked at the woman. Her face was quite calm now, and her dark eyes, after resting on their faces for a moment, gazed vacantly before her.

"Poor woman!" said Clive. "She does not appear to be in any pain. How long may she remain like this?"

The house surgeon shrugged his shoulders. "Impossible to say," he said, by no means callously, but in a matter-of-fact way. "She may be in this condition for some time, months, years, perhaps; I've known such cases; on the other hand, she may recover her full senses and memory at any moment. If she goes on as she is going now, she will be able to leave the hospital in a week or two. She will want looking after; and the trouble is that she can tell us nothing of her friends. We cannot communicate with them, for there is nothing about her, no letter or anything of that kind, to help us to identify her."

"We must do something for her," said Clive uncertainly.

Quilton had not yet spoken; and he looked down at the white and now placid face with an impassive countenance. As Clive hesitated, however, Quilton said in a casual manner:

"I think I know a woman who would look after her. She is the widow of a compositor I happened to know—one of the Beacon men—and she would be glad to take charge of her for a small weekly sum."

"That is very good of you, Quilton!" said Clive warmly.

He thanked him again when he got outside; but Quilton, as he lit his pipe, waved the thanks aside.

"Oh, that's all right," he said. "We'll share it between us: I mean you can pay the money—for, of course, your dukeship would insist upon that—and I'll do the rest. You've got enough on your hands already, and can't be expected to worry about a little affair of this kind. By the way, I'll step back, and tell them to send me word when she is fit to be moved. Don't you bother yourself; I'll look after her. What a nuisance the force of example is: going about and talking with a professional philanthropist, one catches that troublesome disease. If I see much more of you I shall be taking to district visiting and Dorcas meetings."

With a curt nod and an air of boredom, he turned on his heel, and re-entered the hospital.

Clive's affairs were certainly numerous and pressing enough to drive the woman out of his head. There was to be a general election, and it was to take place at once, so that it might be over before the harvest; and the country was soon plunged into the usual state of confusion and excitement entailed by a general appeal to the free and independent electorate. It was necessary that Clive should go down to Brimfield, without delay; for already his agent there had written to tell him that he would be opposed by a strong Conservative candidate; and he hinted that another candidate, from the extreme Radical and Socialist side, might also take the field.

The Chesterleighs were full of enthusiasm and energy on Clive's account, and when Clive told them that he must go down to Brimfield to begin the fight, Lord Chesterleigh looked up quickly, and said with a smile:

"What do you say, Edith? Shall we go down and help him?"

She responded at once and as enthusiastically.

"Why, of course!" she exclaimed. "We'll go down in force, father; and I'll canvass for him—and——"

"And you'll help him to win, my dear. But you must do our part of the canvassing. I must take no hand in it; a peer, you know, must not interfere in an election."

"I'll work like a Trojan. We'll take all the carriages down, and we'll paint the place red!" Red was Clive's color. "I'll kiss all the babies, and tell the mothers that they are the finest—the babies, I mean—I've ever seen. Of course, you will win, Clive."

"With such aid failure would be impossible," said Clive.

They went down to Brimfield; the Chesterleighs going to the house of a friend, Lady Wynthaw, and Clive putting up at the Liberal hotel, the "Royal Hart." They found the place in great excitement; for Brimfield took electioneering seriously, and the campaign began in stern earnest; for, alas! the ballot has deprived an election of nearly all its humor, and in place of the old uproarious merriment, and not unamusing horseplay, we have endless speeches, bitter recriminations, and, not seldom, spiteful and sometimes libellous personal accusations. Whether the change is one for the better, it is, thank goodness, not for the present writer to decide.

Lady Edith threw herself into the contest with all the ardor she had promised. She drove over from the Grange, Lady Wynthaw's place, every morning, her carriage and horses bedecked with Clive's colors; she canvassed from house to house; and if she did not actually kiss the babies, she flattered the mothers and badgered the husbands and fathers in the present accepted fashion. For that occasion she cast aside her natural hauteur, and was all smiles and graciousness; and she sat on platforms behind Clive, and listened to his speeches with an eager intentness and pride which duly impressed the audience.

She appeared to be incapable of weariness, and treated Clive's remonstrances with laughing defiance, reminding him that his cause was hers, and that he would need all the help he could get. And she spoke truly; for the third candidate had appeared, a rough but eloquent man, a Socialist, who had come down accompanied by a band of men as rough and determined as himself. Amongst them was Koshki, the Anarchist; and Clive, when he met him in the street, and was scowled at by Koshki, knew that he had not only to fight political foes, but a personal enemy. Mr. Broddy, the third candidate, and his friends did not mince their language or exhibit any care in the selection of their phrases when they addressed the electors; but called Mr. Clive Harvey a fraud and a hypocrite, and a traitor to the people of whom he was supposed to be a friend; but the other candidate fought the fight in a pleasant and gentlemanly fashion: and he and Clive met in quite a friendly way.

"That chap Broddy," he said to Clive, with a hearty laugh, "will ruin you. He'll split the Liberal vote, and let me in, you'll see! But for him, I shouldn't stand a chance."

"All's fair in love, war, and electioneering," responded Clive with a laugh. "I'd rather you got in, Gordon, than Mr. Broddy. But I'm not beaten yet."

"That's so," said Gordon. "And you have the pull of me; I can't talk a bit, and you can jaw the hind leg off a donkey. And then there's Lady Edith! Frankly, I do envy you there! But I don't bear any grudge; and by George! such a charming lady ought to have her own way. Why haven't I a wife or a sweetheart to fight for me?"

This was very pleasant; far more pleasant than to stand by and hear—and Clive often did stand by and hear—Mr. Broddy and Koshko informing the working men that he, Clive, was a miscreant, not only unworthy to sit in the House of Commons, but to live.

At election times, local charities flourish exceedingly, for those who are connected with them are cute enough to appreciate the fact that hay should be made while the sun is shining, and that at no period are candidates so liberal and generous as when they are seeking the suffrages of the elector. The pet charity at Brimfield—and a very worthy one, by the way—was an Orphanage, and the Governors shrewdly decided on giving a concert in aid of its funds; and as shrewdly obtained all three candidates and their friends as patrons: charity, as we know, has no politics; and by thus corraling all the political parties, the Governors maintained their impartiality, and avoided invidious selection.

The result promised to be a brilliant financial success. Lady Edith wanted to buy up all the tickets, and distribute them amongst Clive's supporters; but Clive pointed out that this would be bribery in its most obvious and overt form; and she had to content herself with making up a huge party, which was to drive down to the hall with literally flying colors. Clive wished to absent himself; but Lady Edith and the rest of the ladies declared that he certainly must be present.

"Why, it would never do!" said Lady Edith. "It is the great event of the year at Brimfield; they eat and drink and sleep 'concert'; and it would look as if you were indifferent. Besides, Mr. Gordon and that horrid man Broddy will be sure to be there. Oh, of course, you must go, dearest. And you must clap like mad and encore everything. And really I think it is going to be a very good concert. Have you seen the programme? Where is it? I had it somewhere this morning. Oh, I remember; I gave it to a woman in that dirty little street at the back of the Town Hall. Shall I ever forget that street!" She shuddered, then laughed. "Ah, don't think I mind, Clive! I'd live in the slums if, by doing so, I could help you to get anything you want."

"I know," he said in a low voice, with a pang of remorse and self-reproach, as he kissed the arm which she had thrown round his neck.

"But about this concert, dear," she went on. "It will really be worth going to, for they have engaged some good people: they have got that new girl one hears so much of lately—what is her name?—Veronica Vernon. Father heard her at Manchester, and was quite enthusiastic about her. You must go; and we must sit in the front row, and look delighted with everything and everybody."

Clive shrugged his shoulders. "Your majesty has but to command, and this slave has only to obey," he said.

"Slave! Ah, which is the slave, I wonder!" she said with a sigh, as she smoothed his hair, which her embracing arm had roughened.

Lady Wynthaw had arranged a dinner party for the night of the concert, a huge dinner party, which was to go on from the Grange to the hall. Clive, who came in to dinner rather late—he had had to address a meeting that afternoon—was rather tired and a trifle dispirited; for he had found his audience rather cold and inimical, no doubt owing to the fact that Messrs. Broddy and Koshki had addressed them earlier in the day; and he was rather silent and thoughtful amidst the merriment which prevailed, for it seemed to the party, dining cosily and luxuriously, that it would be impossible for their candidate to be beaten.

(To be continued.)

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On the Farm

Fire Protection on the Farm.

In probably not one out of a thousand farmhouses or barns is a bucket of water kept in a handy place ready for use in case of fire emergency; yet so effective is a handy bucket of water when fire starts that the insurance underwriters grant a lower rate of insurance to manufacturers and merchants who will keep a specified number of filled fire buckets in certain locations in their buildings. Frequently a cupful of water at hand when a blaze starts as a tiny flame is more valuable in preventing fire loss than a whole fire department ten minutes later. A single bucket of water dashed soon enough on blazing curtains or draperies, or a small blaze starting in rubbish or hay, will put out a fire before it has opportunity to gain headway, and thus may be the means, not only of saving a building and its contents and preventing the death of stock, but even save loss of human life.

Most people rely on a pump or water tap as a source of water when fire breaks out. In the excitement following an outbreak of fire it frequently is difficult to locate buckets, and the delay of two or three minutes necessary to fill a bucket at a pump or tap be enough to give the fire a chance to get into the walls, or spread to a point where it is very difficult to quench.

Every household should be equipped with a fire bucket, provided with a cover, filled with water, and used for no other purpose. The best type of bucket is one with a rounded bottom, which prevents its sitting on the floor, and so makes it useless for ordinary household work. These buckets should be painted red, and should be filled at regular intervals to replace water lost by evaporation. For the same reason buckets provided with covers are better than open buckets and prevent dust and other material getting into the water and making it unpleasant. One such bucket at least ought to be provided on every floor of the house or barn. They should be located near the stairs or entrance to the building, so that those rushing in from the outside or starting for the stairs can get them without delay.

The rounded bottom buckets can be kept either in a bench with a hole cut in it to receive the bucket, or else can be suspended out of reach of children, from a metal or wooden bracket.

These buckets are particularly important in winter in climates where pumps or taps may freeze. As a general rule the fire risk is greatest in cold weather, because that is the time when the stoves and furnaces are made as hot as possible to keep the house warm. In case of the barn, the water in these buckets can be kept from freezing, except at temperatures below zero, by adding two pounds and one ounce, or slightly over two pounds of fused calcium chloride to each gallon of water. This calcium chloride must not be confused with the ordinary chloride of lime, the bleaching powder. The calcium chloride is very inexpensive and both keeps the water from freezing at temperatures above zero and also prevents rapid evaporation. With this mixture in his fire buckets, the farmer, except in cases of unusually low temperature, has always at his command the means of checking the start of a fire in his barns.

Feeding Dairy Cows.

Economical feeding of a dairy herd is a subject which cannot be fully explained in a short paper, but there are a few points which I might mention which would cause the reader further to investigate for himself, writes M. K. W. If I could say something that would cause dairymen to look into the matter, my best hopes would be realized, for it is easy for a man to be shown after he is willing to learn.

As a rule home grown foods should form the main reliance, but commercial feeds and purchased grains will necessarily occupy a more or less prominent place in dairy rations for years to come. How much of these feeds we can use at a profit depends upon their cost and the quality of the cows we are feeding. Generally speaking, the man who is producing the city milk can afford to feed more grain than the man who is producing products that can be held over in storage for longer periods of time.

Viewed from another viewpoint, the cow that is fed starvation rations and those fed more than they can digest and turn to a profit, are both losing money for their owners. It is somewhere between these extremes that the successful dairyman must set his standard. It is his business to find out and no dairy authority on earth can inform him intelligently. It is one of the many lessons we must work out by associating with out stock.

DUCK-HUNTING IN WATER.

Remarkable Feat Performed By An Indian Lad.

A novel and ingenious method of capturing wild ducks is described in the Wide World Magazine, by Mr. W. E. Pedley, who witnessed the feat while on a hunting trip in India. In his party was a lithe, active-looking native lad, who professed to be able to swim under water into the midst of a flock of wild fowl, and catch the birds in his naked hands. He was given an opportunity to show his skill in a quiet lagoon near the camp.

A gentle sunset breeze was blowing, says Mr. Pedley, when we silently forced our punt into the rushes about 20 yards from where a flock of ducks were busily engaged in diving for wild celery roots.

Immediately the youth began his simple preparations. He put on a stout leather belt with a rawhide thong that passed through holes, and formed a succession of loops, like a cartridge-belt. It was ingeniously arranged so that any one loop could be drawn tight, and the slack passed to its neighbor.

Next, he drew from his bundle what looked like a decoy duck cut off at the water-line, or just below it. Turning it over, he showed us that it was simply the skin of a duck, with beautifully stuffed head and neck, but quite hollow inside. The main frame consisted of a strip of split bamboo, bent into the shape of a long, narrow horseshoe. A little cross-bar was securely ties on with sinews about an inch and a half from the heel end of the shoe. The skin was sewn with sinews to the main horseshoe-shaped frame, but under the tail it was entirely cut away, so as to leave an open space.

Riding on the water, it looked like a badly made decoy, because the head and neck, being stuffed, were unduly heavy, and the bird rode with its head tipped forward and its tail absurdly cocked up.

The youth slipped into the water, and, turning on his back, took the little cross-bar between his teeth. He then lay floating quietly, the body of the decoy covering his nose, eyes, mouth and chin. The water was clear, and we could easily see him under the surface. At once we saw why the skin of the decoy was cut away under the tail. It was to enable him to see out.

The lad swam down the narrow passage toward the flock, and we noticed that the swiftly moving decoy looked exactly like a swimming mallard; the same tiny wave ran out in a straight line from each side of the breast.

I had looked away at a fish-hawk at the northern side of the lagoon, and when I looked back, I could not distinguish the decoy; but suddenly I saw one duck move backward, and two that were immediately behind it disappeared beneath the water.

A moment later another disappeared, and still the surviving members of the flock showed no anxiety. They doubtless thought that the others had dived.

Several more went quietly under the water, and we began to wonder whether the lad would get the whole flock, when a bird went under with a great splash, and several ducks raised themselves in the water, and twisted their heads sharply from side to side. Apparently unable to see any danger, they stayed where they were, although on the alert. Presently another one went under, and then two at a time; but one was caught only by one leg, and made a great squawking and splashing as he went down. Thereupon the rest took alarm, and flew away.

We poled up, and found the youth grinning, with eleven ducks in his belt.

The baby fell and struck his head on one of the pedals of the piano. "Oh, he's not hurt, mummy," said the elder brother; "it was the soft pedal he struck!"

"My wife went out yesterday afternoon, and I kept the baby still two hours." "How did you do it?" "Nailed his clothes to the floor, and gave him a tin of syrup to play with."

Pointed Paragraphs.

An egotist is an "I" specialist.

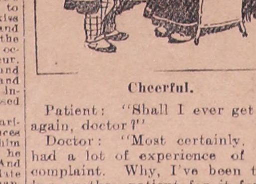
Even the union dentists believe in an open shop.

It's as hard to make a hero as it is easy to unmake one.

If all men were to get justice, more of them would be in jail.

After a gossip tells all she knows she gets busy and tells more.

Marriage is never a failure—but the contracting parties frequently are.



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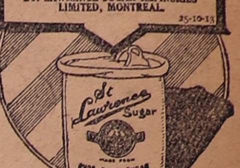

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BIRMINGHAM'S INDUSTRIES.

Artificial Eyes, Police Whistles, Jew's Harps, Some of the Lines.

In Birmingham, which is one of the chief manufacturing cities of England, a number of small articles are produced, some of which are of a decidedly curious character and for which the Birmingham maker has to some extent created his own market. For example, it is not generally known that Birmingham is the principal source of the world's supply of Jew's harps. For 60 years the industry has been carried on in the vicinity of Ashtedrow, a venerable quarter of the city, by members of the Trowman family. Originally the industry came from Halesowen, and the Jew's harps are still made in a little home smithy strongly reminiscent of its Black Country origin. Great Britain is no longer the best market, enormous quantities being exported, especially to half-civilized countries. The Zulu musician, for example, has taken very kindly to the Jew's harp and needs an especially large size to suit his somewhat capacious mouth.

Another survival is the trade of gold beating, which, it is claimed, is one of the oldest in the city. To a large extent this trade has gone to Germany through the competition of cheap labor, but it is claimed that the best gold leaf is still made in E[illegible] This work is done [illegible] the cus[illegible] re of a [illegible] hammer [illegible]

[illegible]tles, it is [illegible]gham firm [illegible] forces in [illegible]th whistles [illegible] The whistles [illegible]erman silver, [illegible]cially for pre[illegible] they are of solid silver. They are often artistically engraved, and a really "show" whistle is a very handsome production. Great quantities are sent out to the United States as well as to South America, India, Canada and the colonies. Handcuffs, manacles, and other instruments of detention have for many years been a specialty of Birmingham manufacture.

The manufacture of artificial eyes is distinctly a Birmingham industry, and it has been highly developed. A stock of 5,000 eyes is regularly kept by the most important firm in the industry. One family has been engaged in this manufacture for generations. Eyes are sent out to all parts of the world, and British hospitals are especially good customers.

Another industry is that of clock making, the production of curious and exceptional chronometers being decidedly a Birmingham specialty. Many big chiming clocks and bells are produced in Birmingham and there is a large demand for grandfather clocks, especially from America.

Other curious products of Birmingham include coffin furniture and tinfoil, the latter being used to wrap chocolates and tobacco. It is produced by rolling tin to such extreme thinness that 13,000 square inches weigh only a pound.

RACE BETTERMENT.

Important Conference Will Be Held at Battle Creek, Michigan.

A working plan having as its ultimate purpose the building of a perfect race of mortals is to be formulated at the National Conference on Race Betterment to be held in Battle Creek, Michigan, on January 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1914.

Intermediately the plan contemplates gradual betterment of living conditions, the achievement of increased human efficiency; and higher standards of physical and mental development.

For several years increasing interest has been centred upon the problems which the Conference has elected to consider. The much-discussed eugenics movement is one of the channels in which this interest has been manifested. The well-defined femininist movement is another out-cropping of the general groping for new race ideals. These and correlated topics will be considered at the coming Conference.

The organization of a national body to continue the work inaugurated by the Conference itself, will be affected. This national body, it is anticipated, will arrange for annual meetings and in a very short time will lay the foundation for a world movement for an improved race.

The list of those who will take part in the Conference includes many men and women of national prominence.

During the progress of the Conference there will be a comprehensive mental and physical classification of several hundred school children, which will take into consideration the effect of heredity and environment upon the offspring.

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TRAGEDY OF SUPERSTITION.

Wife Gives Life That Husband Might Complete Studies.

An extraordinary tragedy of superstition is reported from Burdwan, India, where a man named Vahamidan murdered his wife with her own consent in the course of a secret ceremonial.

Vahamidan had for some time been learning the principles of Tantre worship from a monk. To complete his studies he needed a dead body. After several unsuccessful attempts to procure one, he proposed to his wife that she should aid him in his secret studies by surrendering her life. He assured her he would restore her as soon as he had finished his worship.

At midnight the devoted wife accompanied her husband to the cremation ground, and there, with her consent, he cut her in two and began his worship to the goddess Kali. His devotions concluded, Vahamidan spent several hours trying to restore the woman to life.

He was found by the police, uttering loud lamentations and beating his breast in self-condemnation near the spot where lay the mangled remains of his wife.

"ANOTHER KNIGHT MOTOR SUCCESS."

The adoption of the Knight Motor by the F. B. Stearns Company of Cleveland seems to have been merely the beginning of the taking up of this motor by several prominent firms throughout the United States.

The achievement of the Knight Motor, both in this country and abroad, have induced the Moline Automobile Company of Moline, Ill., to adopt it. This company will have cars equipped with the powerful Knight Motor on the market by the first of the year.

Scarcely second in importance to their announcement in regard to the Knight Motor, is the recent purchase of a license by J. M. Willys of the Willys Overland Company. The Overland people are, by the way, one of the largest poppet engine builders of the United States. In the old Garford plant at Elyria, Ohio, which was formerly employed in the construction of Garford Trucks, they have started to build the Knight Motor. This is most significant, for possibly no one motor car company has been more strikingly successful than that directed by Mr. Willys.

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EXECUTIONER'S PAY.

France Was More Liberal Than England.

James Berry was not so well paid for his services as his French confrere, M. Antoine Diebler, who draws £560 a year, while his four assistants have a similar amount to divide between them. Sanson, the first executioner to wield the guillotine, was originally paid £1,520 a year, but when executioners were appointed in each department this was reduced to £800. Before the Revolution the legal tariff in France was 25s. for a beheading, 16s. 8d. for a burning at the stake, and the same amount for a hanging, with allowances for the erection of a scaffold or the provision of fuel. One of James Berry's predecessors for a brief period donned a uniform when at work. In 1785, according to a contemporary chronicler, the Sheriffs of London were "so pleased with the excellent mode in which Edward Dennis, their hangman, performed his duties that they presented him with a very elegant official robe—a khilaut, in fact, as Eastern potentates term a similar garb of honor. Dennis found this inconvenient when at work . . . and sold it to a well-known character, Old Cain, who, having set up as a fortune-teller, wanted a robe to complete the costume in which he received dupes."

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Teacher—"Yes, children, an Indian's wife is called a squaw. Now, what are the little Indian babies called?"

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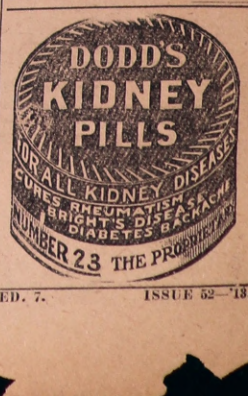

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A BIRTHDAY REVIEW.

Canada Has Just Double Population In 46 Years.

The Dominion of Canada was 46 years old on Tuesday, July 1. In 1867 it consisted of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Its population was approximately 3,400,000. To-day it embraces the whole of the mainland of British North America and Prince Edward Island, and its population is 7,204,838—an increase of over 100 per cent. in a little over forty years. The Sisterhood of Provinces has been increased, since 1867, by the creation of Manitoba, the admission of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island, and the creation of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Dominion now consists of nine provinces and several territories, its actual area being 3,729,665 square miles.

When it came into being, its population was made up chiefly of French and English-speaking people, several tribes of Indians and a few small settlements of half-breeds. To-day it is a cosmopolitan household and its population is representative of every nation under the sun. In recent years hundreds of thousands of foreigners—men and women of every race and clime and tongue—have been brought to Canadian shores by a tide of immigration that apparently is yet far from its flood. Happy and contented these one-time aliens now are in their new homes in the "Land of the Maple." They have put their shoulders to the task of nation-building and they are courageously and perseveringly working for the development of their adopted country. Much of Canada's future greatness will no doubt be directly traceable to their earnest, patient efforts.

This year the tide of immigration moving towards Canadian shores is higher than ever. Thousands have already entered the Dominion, thousands are now on the high seas, and thousands more will set sail for Canadian ports before the summer is over. Last year a high-water mark in the matter of immigration was reached, but all records are expected to be broken this season. It is estimated that nearly 400,000 will enter the Dominion during the fiscal year 1913-14.

For the fiscal year 1911-12, March 31 to April 1, the year for which figures are obtainable, there arrived in Canada from foreign countries overseas 82,406 immigrants; from Great Britain 138,121; and from the United States, 133,710—a total of 354,237.

Of the overseas immigrants 95,107 were English, 1,699 were Welsh, 32,988 were Scotch, and 1,450 were Irish. Eighty-six came from South Africa, 266 fro mAustralia, 4,871 from Austria, 143 from Bohemia, 328 from Bukowinia, 288 from Croatia, 38 from Dalmatia, 1,594 from Galicia, 482 from Hungary, 13,346 from Ruthenia, 1,601 from Belgium, 3,295 from Bulgaria, 6,247 from China, 1,077 from Holland, 2,094 from France, 4,666 from Germany, 314 from the West Indies, 9 from Bermuda, 70 from Jamaica, 7,590 from Italy, 765 from Japan, 2,598 from Newf'dland, 61 from New Zealand, 6 from Portugal, 5,660 from Poland, 19 from Persia, 793 from Roumania, 9,805 from Russia, 1,646 from Finland, 191 from Servia, 628 from Denmark, 205 from Iceland, 2,394 from Sweden, 1,692 from Norway, 632 from Turkey, 60 from Armenia, 144 from Syria, 2 from Arabia, 3 from Hindustan, and 3 from Mexico. In addition to these, 5,322 Hebrews, 24 Doukhobors, and 138 negroes entered the Dominion. From Continental centres 82,406 immigrants were received, an increase of 15,786 over the total of the previous year; from the United States 133,710, an increase of 12,269, and from the British Isles 138,121, an increase of 15,108,—a grand total of 354,237 and a grand increase of 43,513 persons. Of the 354,237 immigrants, 211,266 were men, 82,922 were women, and 60,049 were children. 76,512 of the males were general laborers, 19,986 were mechanics, 11,802 were clerks, 4,850 were miners, and 11,879 were not classified. Of the women 10,774 belonged to the farm laboring class, 5,678 to the class of general laborers, and 7,718 to the mechanics' class.

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Scriptures In Parliament.

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"Belshazzar or Nebuchadnezzer?" queried Mr. Archie McCoig, of West Kent, who, by the way, is a good Presbyterian.

But the Minister of Finance heard or heeded not. He continued to tell the House about Belshazzar and his dream.

One of Mr. White's colleagues, Hon. Robert Rogers, missed a Bible quotation at the next sitting. "My honorable friends opposite," said Mr. Rogers, "should remember the scriptural injunction: 'When I became a man I put away the things of a child.'"

Equally amusing was the counsel of Mr. W. F. Carroll, who urged his political opponents to take note of the Biblical words: "To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

"What part of the Bible?" enquired Colonel Hugh Clark, another Presbyterian.

Mr. Carroll was not abashed. "Some honorable members of this House," he retorted, "seem to have never read their Bible, and I am afraid never will."—Canadian Courier.

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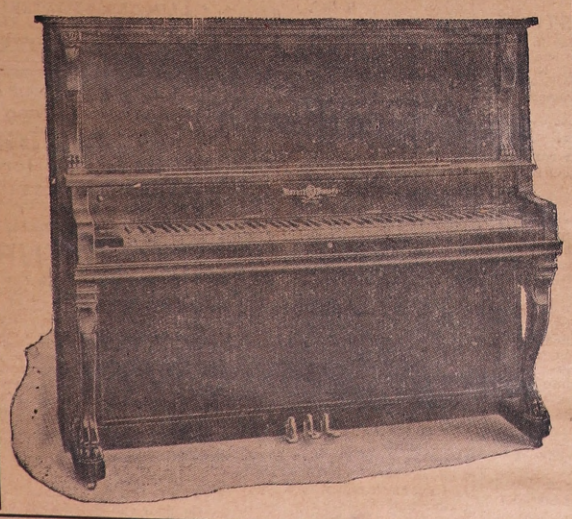

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